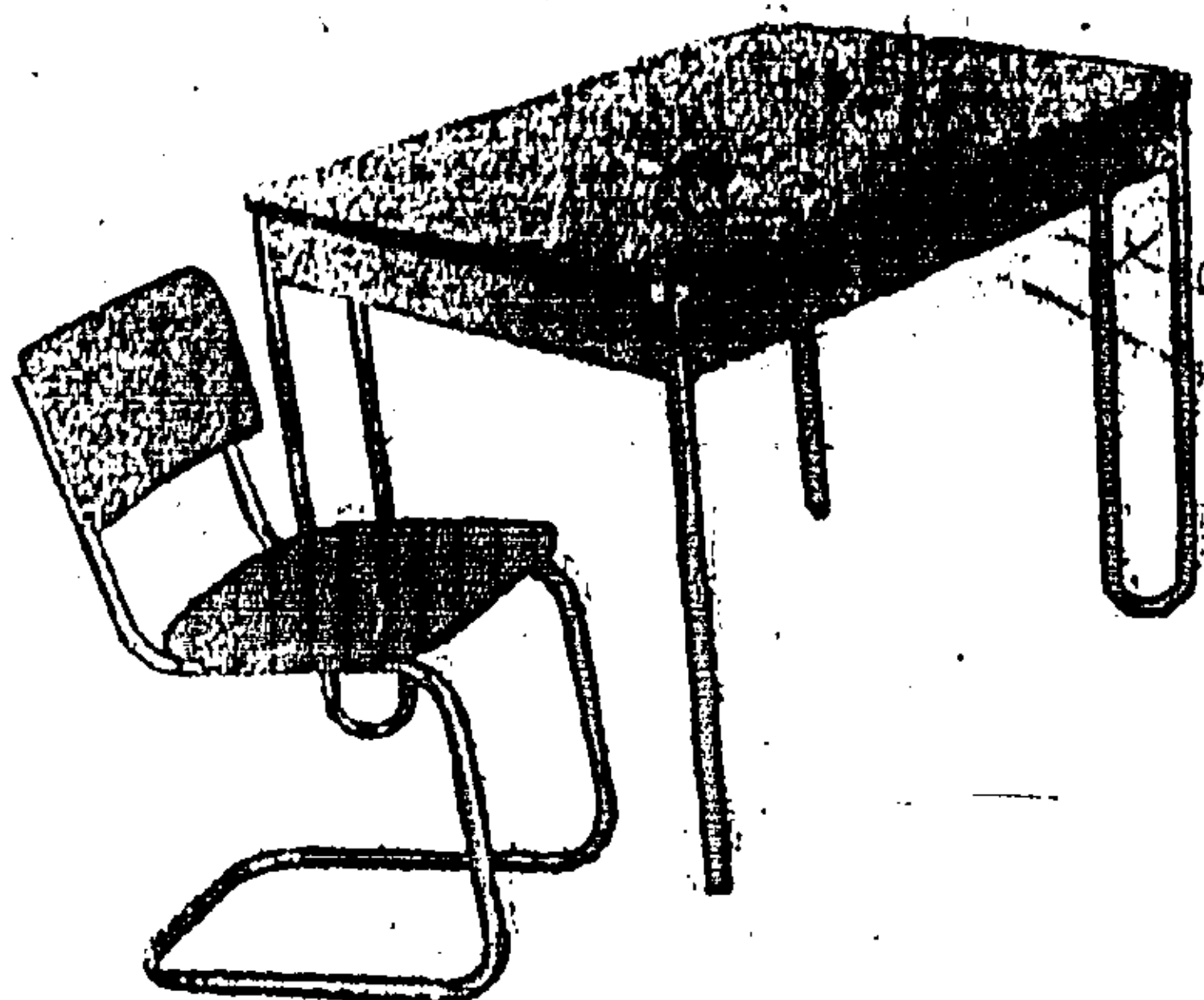




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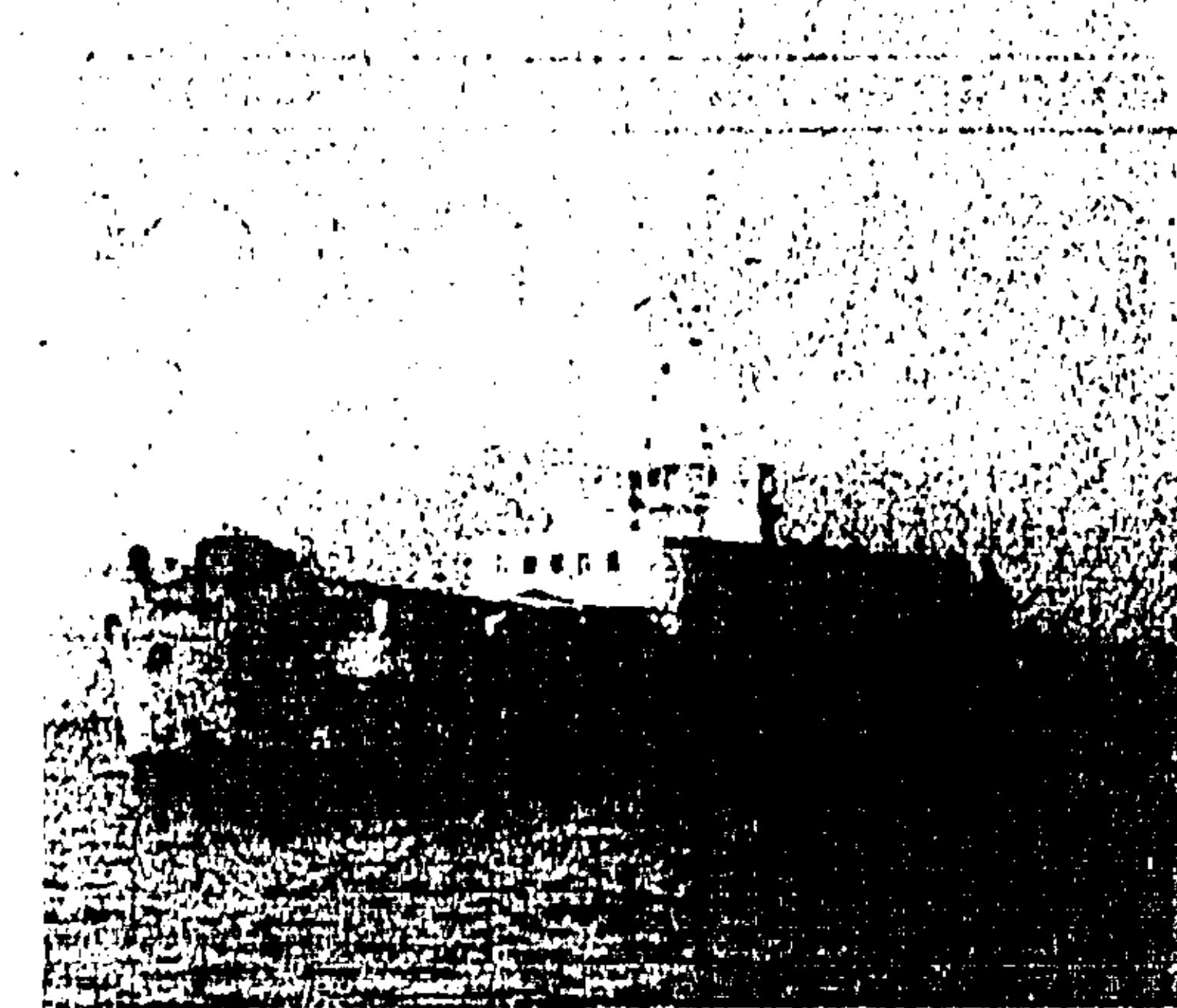
Before the outbreak of the Pacific War the number of adopted daughters already registered was over 3,000.

According to the report for last month, the number of adopted daughters registered to date since the resumption of registration, was 772, of whom 14 were registered during the month including seven who came up voluntarily and 27 who were discovered by officers of the S.C.A. in their house-to-house visits and told to register. During last month two persons were prosecuted for failing to register their adopted daughters and fined.

Judging by facts it is believed that the number of people who have adopted daughters and who have not yet registered must be large. This is probably due to the S.C.A. having been lenient in enforcing the law in the past.

If progress remains unchanged it may be necessary to prosecute those who fail to register when they are discovered, without giving them a chance to effect registration.

"Kwei Shan" Does Well On Trials



A successful trial run was made yesterday by the TSMV "Kwei Shan," sister ship of "Kwei Hai" which was mined by bandits in the Pear River delta some weeks ago.

Second ship of the Kwangsi Navigation Company, the "Kwei Shan" will be put on the Hong Kong-Canton service early next year. The company is owned by the Kwangsi Provincial Government.

The "Kwei Shan," an ex-L.C.I. 537, was under the White Ensign throughout World War II. She was built and engaged by the New Jersey Shipyard in America and took part in the Normandy landings on June 6, 1944. After the initial landings she joined the British Pacific fleet. She was returned to the U.S. Government late last year, and subsequently sold to the Kwangsi Government to inaugurate the river service from Hong Kong to Wuchow.

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The "Kwei Shan" fully converted as a passenger ship, has a capacity for approximately 350 passengers, and 250 tons of general cargo.

With her light draft, she can go up the West River at the lowest tides. She carries 16 first class passengers, 32 second class passengers, and 30 saloon passengers, and 250 passengers on deck and in the holds. Her crew total 35, making total complement of the ship approximately 365.

The first class cabins are two-berthed. The second class cabins are four-berthed. The holds are fitted with green leather upholstery.

The 1st Class Saloon is also fitted with green upholstery. The colour scheme is arranged with apple green bulkheads and white top deckheads.

All first and second class cabins are fitted with wash basins with running water.

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The cargo holds are fitted with "drop" seats which fold down when the holds are required for carrying cargo. The tank top is covered with red "Decolite" composition to ensure more comfort to the 3rd class passengers.

There is an adequate fire service system throughout the ship. She is well fitted with fire hydrants, and foam extinguishers.

There is also an efficient alarm system, controlled from the bridge. The ship is also equipped with a telephone system controlled also from the bridge.

Life Saving Apparatus include two lifeboats, five lifebuoys, and 350 lifebelts, and eight lifebuoys.

The "Kwei Shan" is powered by two banks of G.M. diesel units driving separate propellers in opposite directions.

The conversion of the "Kwei Shan" was under the direction of Capt. F.W. Winyard, Superintendent Engineer of the Company.

During the trial run, yesterday a speed of 11.5 knots was obtained.

Capt. A. Hutton, Marine Superintendent of the Company, who operated L.C.I.s during the War; Mr. R. Collings and Mr. K.C. Hamilton, Government Marine Surveyors, and Col. Tsang, General Manager of the Company, were on board the vessel during the trial run.

H.K. WAR GRAVES UNIT BACK

The field team from 62 War Graves Concentration Unit, Headquarters, Land Forces, Hong Kong, which entered China on Oct. 15 to locate and collect the bodies of British Service personnel, who were buried there during the last war, returned to the Colony, by air, from Kunming last week.

In the R.A.F. Dakota, in which they flew back, were brought the bodies of 33 men—one Navy, 12 Army and 20 R.A.F. for re-interment at Salween cemetery.

The party consisted of Captain J. A. Diggins and two O.R.s from the War Graves Concentration Unit and Flying Officer A. Green R.A.F., who acted as interpreter.

4,000 Miles

The iron rations, with which the team started their mission, and lasted for only half the whole period and for the remainder of the time they lived on Chinese food.

In the majority of cases too they spent their nights in wayside inns.

The total mileage covered was over 4,000 miles and had taken nine weeks to perform.

Both the O.R.s from the War Graves Concentration Unit were suffering from stomach troubles before the end of the trip and Flying Officer Green contracted malaria, but the team has returned with the satisfaction of having carried out their difficult task completely successfully.

Personalia

The Governor Sir Alexander Grantham and Lady Grantham returned yesterday morning from a cruise in Hong Kong waters on H.M.S. "Alert" with the Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—G. E. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Nicholson, T.M.T. Moore, G.G.S. Clarke, G. N. Williams and G. H. Jolly.

Peninsula departures:—H. A. Abbott, C. S. Kichler, Sir J. Baldwin, Sir Cyril Young, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Tait, Rev. Stanley Dixon, T. L. Hughes and J. Winter.

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Raymond Baerga to Miss Guadalupe Madrid has been announced.

XMAS DINNER FOR SEAMEN

All seamen in port are invited to attend a Christmas Dinner at 7 p.m. on Christmas Day at the Sailors' Home and Missions to Seamen in Gloucester Road, Wanchai.

There will also be two celebrations of Holy Communion at 11.45 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 8 a.m. on Christmas Day. Morning Prayer and Carols will be held at 11 a.m. on Christmas Day.

EARL CARROLL'S ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carroll arrived here last Saturday by a Cathay Pacific plane and not by the American Airways clipper, as previously stated.



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Sub-Inspector Died For Lack Of Vital Drug

The Colony does not possess the anti-coagulating drug used in Britain and the United States to prevent thrombosis in serious accidents, according to evidence given at the inquiry yesterday into the death of Sub-Inspector MacDonald White, of the Traffic Police.

Sub-Inspector White died after a motor-cycle accident recently.

In the course of evidence, Dr. Chen, of the Queen Mary Hospital, said that Sub-Inspector White was admitted to hospital with a fractured leg.

Death subsequently was due to the fracture, femoral thrombosis and an infarction in the left lung.

Under examination by the police, Dr. Chen said that the Inspector had had two operations and taken them quite well. An hour before his death, he was examined and his temperature and pulse rate were satisfactory.

Dr. Supt. (Traffic) Binstead: Is it not usual when there is an injury in the region of any large blood vessel and the danger of thrombosis present, to eliminate this by the use of an anti-coagulating drug?

Dr. Chen: In America and England, yes. But we have none of this drug in Hong Kong.

Supt. Binstead: Is that the reason you did not use it in this case?—Yes.

Evidence revealed that an ambulance from the Tung Wah Hospital was being towed by a

Sitting On Road

When found sitting on the road by Inspector Ferrier, the late police officer said: "I was trying to stop an old ambulance which was being towed by a lorry. I drew alongside it and at that moment I struck the lorry and was thrown off. I thought I had been run over by the ambulance."

Inspector N. Senior said that he found the ambulance a dilapidated vehicle, with the steering wheel faulty and the brakes bad.

The windscreen provided only limited view to the driver.

A verdict of death due to negligence of the drivers of the vehicle was returned. Mr. F.X. d'Almada concurred.

The jury also found the drivers incompetent to take charge of the vehicle and that the ambulance was not in a fit condition for towing.

THE WHISKERS CLUB



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Reminders

Today

Annual meetings of Anglo-Dutch (Java) Plantations, Ltd., Java Copplidated Rubber & Coffee Estates Ltd., Zlanghe Rubber, Ltd., at 34, St. George's Bldg., 11 a.m. and 12.10 p.m.

Ewa Cotton Mills, Ltd., annual meeting, Jardines Board Room, 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Annual Meetings of Sui Mangai Rubber Co., Ltd., Shanghai Malay Rubber Estate, Ltd., Telon Rubber Estate, Ltd., Repal Rubber & Tapioca Estates, Ltd., Bau Anam (Johore), Rubber Estates, Ltd., at 34, St. George's Bldg., 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Rotary Club Luncheon, talk by C. P. Miles on "Random Christmas Recollections", Roof Garden H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Urban Council meeting, 4.15 p.m.

La Salle Old Boys' Association Reunion Dinner, Cafe Wiseman, 7.30 p.m.

Coming Events

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United Services Recreation Club Children's Xmas Party, Kowloon, 2-6 p.m.



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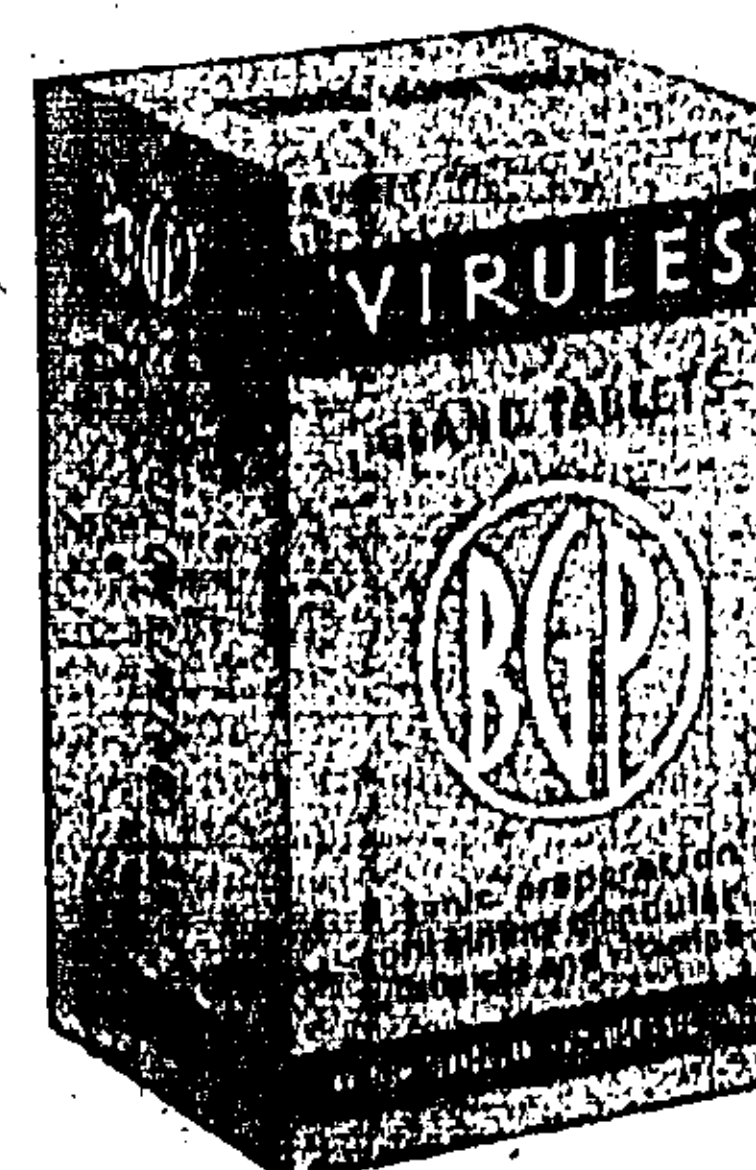
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SCHOOL FRAUD CASE

The headmaster's salary was agreed upon at \$200 per month only on Aug. 31, 1946, said Man Mak-om, complainant in the case in which Leung Nagai-chi (36) headmaster, and Leung Mong (32) clerk of the Yeung Tak Middle School are charged with conspiracy to falsify the accounts of the school.

First defendant is additionally charged on six counts of larceny of school funds.

Mr. P. J. Griffiths is appearing for both defendants, while Mr. A. J. Clifford is prosecuting.

Man declared that he had never given first accused permission to withdraw any sums from the bank without his counter-signature.

The summer school started on July 10, 1946, and defendant Ngai-chi was paid \$160 that month as salary. For June, first accused was not supposed to have drawn any pay.

At a meeting on Aug. 31, it was agreed that first defendant was to have a salary of \$200 a month. This amount has not since been altered.

As to second defendant, continued witness, he was employed by the first accused without his consent.

Witness said he did not even know what the exact duties of Leung Mong were supposed to be. There has been no arrangement as to the salary of this accused.

On Jan. 29 last, continued Man, a meeting was held with the first accused when the latter refused to comply with his request, made through Mr. A.S.K. Lau for the production of the school account books.

Hearing will be continued today.

Lady Grantham Hands Over New Ambulance



Lady Grantham handed over a new ambulance to St. John Ambulance Brigade yesterday. The ambulance was a gift from the Kowloon Chinese Chamber of Commerce. The ceremony took place on the Police School Training Ground. Mr. I. B. Trevor, Assistant Commissioner of St. John Ambulance, accepted the gift on behalf of the society.

The ambulance, which is for use in Kowloon, will be stationed at the Kowloon Taxi and Transportation Co. and will be available on phoning 50000 or 50055. — China Mail Photo.

KOREAN STOWAWAY ON LINER

A Korean, who was said to have assisted Allied POW's in Japan during the War, appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with being a stowaway on board the s/s "Strathnaver."

He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to three months' hard labour. He was also ordered to be sent back to Kure.

Pak Kunbe, 24, student, was in Japan during the War. He helped the Allied POW's and his services were recognized by the British Government.

Linked With Reds

After hostilities he was permitted to enter England to further his studies. But he got himself mixed up in Communist activities and was deported by the Home Office to Kure.

When the s.s. "Strathnaver" arrived at Kure his papers were handed over to the authorities, and he was thought to be among the batch of Japanese POW's who disembarked.

The ship sailed—with Kunbe on board. His presence was discovered and he was handed over to the Water Police when the "Strathnaver" arrived at Hong Kong.

CARRIED AWAY BY XMAS SPIRIT

With Xmas festivities looming ahead, 65-year-old Chu Tong, unemployed, of No. 70, First Street, apparently must have felt anxious to tender greetings to friends.

So he went to the China Products Co., 21, Des Voeux Road, Central, and "took" 29 Christmas cards.

He was seen by a folk and arrested.

Convicted by Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central yesterday on a charge of larceny, Chu was fined \$50 or four weeks imprisonment.

GENERAL MEETING

General meetings of the Shanghai-Sumatra Rubber Estates, Ltd., the Shanghai Exploration and Development Co., Ltd., and the Shanghai Loan and Investment Co., Ltd., were held yesterday at 34, St. George's Building.

The meetings were held to comply with the provisions of the Companies (Reconstruction Records) Ordinance, 1947, which made it necessary to hold general meetings of the companies before the end of the year.

New meetings will be held later at which the Reports and Accounts will be submitted.

OLD MAN HIT BY TAXI

While crossing along Nathan Road yesterday at 4.55 p.m., near the Victoria Theatre, 76-year-old Yeung Chan-choi was caught in the middle of the road by passing traffic.

He waited for some time to allow the vehicle to pass on. Thinking it was safe then to proceed, Yeung stepped forward, but right in the path of an oncoming taxi, which knocked him down.

Yeung is now at the Kowloon Hospital under treatment for his rather serious injuries.

GRENADE FOUND OUTSIDE GAOL

An "Old, useless" hand grenade was found early yesterday morning outside the Remand Jail, Central.

According to Police, it must have been thrown by somebody "with no evil intent." It was found on the road.

Allen Sentenced To Gaol Term Plus Hard Labour

Sentence of two years and four months' imprisonment with hard labour was passed yesterday by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), on William Elijah Allen, convicted by a jury on Saturday on 18 counts of conspiracy to obtain bribes and accepting bribes from stallholders in the Shamshui, Mongkok and Yaumati Markets.

Man Kam-fat, beef stallholder, was sentenced to 20 months' imprisonment with hard labour on six counts on which he was found guilty jointly with Allen. Chui Hong, meat porter foreman, found guilty on six counts with which he was jointly charged with Allen, was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment with hard labour.

The case for the prosecution was conducted by Mr. Lonsdale Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr. F.E.W. Shafrin, Senior Supt. of Police, and Det. Insp. J. Johnston.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. S. Ng Queen of Messrs. Bruton & Co., appeared for Allen. Man Kam-fat was represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, K.C., instructed by Mr. P.J. Griffiths of Messrs. Widdison & Grist. Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. C.A.S. Russ, appeared for Chui Hong.

Sentence

In passing sentence, Mr. Justice Williams said that he regarded the offences with which the accused had been found guilty as very serious.

He was satisfied that Man Kam-fat was largely instrumental in bringing about the state of affairs by which stallholders in the Shamshui and Mongkok Markets gave sums of money to Allen in order that he would not carry out his duty.

Mr. Justice Williams said that he was taking into consideration the fact that Man Kam-fat had borne a good character and that he was likely to lose his licence. However, it was not possible to impose a fine on Man Kam-fat in lieu of a prison sentence.

As Vice-Chairman of the Beef Dealers' Guild, Man Kam-fat should not have encouraged or suggested to other stallholders that they should make payments to Allen.

As regards Allen, Mr. Justice Williams said that he appreciated

the hardships which the latter had undergone during his period of imprisonment in the Colony and in Japan and also that on his return to the Colony he had been an Inspector of Markets, a very difficult job.

He was also satisfied that the stallholders were only too willing to give sums of money and make presents to Allen in order that he might shut his eyes as to what was going on.

Chui Hong played only a minor part in the offence. He was in the position of servant to Allen. As in the case of Man Kam-fat, it was not possible to impose a fine.

Tribute To Police

Mr. Justice Williams paid tribute to the work of the Police in connection with the case.

The unanimous verdict of the jury clearly reflected the suggestion that the receipt for the fan was "planted" by the Police Officers, he added. He did not think for a moment that such responsible Police Officers as Det. Insp. J. Johnston and Det. Insp. V. M. Morrison, would stoop to such a thing.

An order was made that money found in possession of the accused, with the exception of \$70 found on Allen, be returned to the respective accused.

The ceiling and table fans were ordered to be confiscated.

Sailors Paid High For 4 Tomato Sandwiches

A. B. McConachille and A. B. Neville Jones (in transit) were found guilty by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday of obtaining food by fraud and common assault.

They were fined \$20 on the first count, \$50 on the second and ordered to pay \$30 compensation to Chui Chung-wah, boy, of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Wan-chai.

It was alleged that the two sailors entered the restaurant by force at 1.30 a.m.

First, complainant said was closing time, but the sailors ordered four tomato sandwiches (\$1.00).

When they refused to pay, Watchman Li Hung-yin closed the door and would not allow them to leave.

Second defendant was said to have then struck Chui two blows—one on the face and the other on the body.

Police Constable 1734, hearing a commotion, entered and tried to stop the argument. A report was made and defendants arrested.

Defendants, who appeared in court in MP custody, pleaded not guilty. They said that they paid the \$1.00. Complainant and witnesses declared the dollar was outstayed after the incident and pocketed again by defendant.

The original charge of disorderly conduct was withdrawn and the two new charges brought up.



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FOUR SMALL FIRES YESTERDAY

Four fires were reported throughout Hong Kong and Kowloon yesterday. Damage was local and no one was reported injured.

A fire of the Hop On Cotton Shop at Shanghai Street, Kowloon, saw cotton wool burning at about 2 a.m., and promptly called the Fire Brigade.

Damage was small.

A rear cubicle of a house in The Mt. Alley, Hong Kong, was the scene of another fire, when beddings caught fire at about 7.15 p.m. It was put out rapidly and very small damage was reported.

Grass fires were known to occur near the Kowloon Nightingale at 3.11 a.m. and near the "Ma Tau-chung" Refugee Camp (Argyle Street) at 2.45 p.m. They were respectively put out in no time.

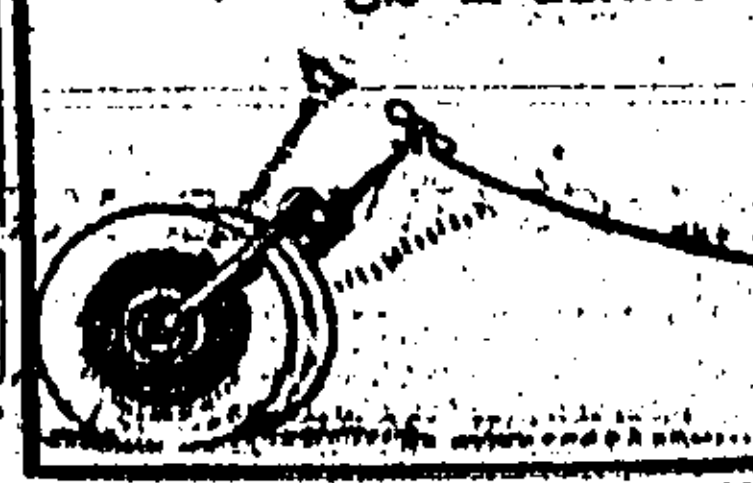
EMBEZZLEMENT CASE ADJOURNED

Hearing of the case in which William Maher (Manager of the Hip Shing Transportation Co., 21 Soy Street) and Wong Chi alias Cheung Shing alias Wong Lo, are charged with obtaining money by false pretences, forging driving licences was adjourned for a week by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios is appearing for Maher. Det. Sub-Ins. C. Dowman is the prosecutor.

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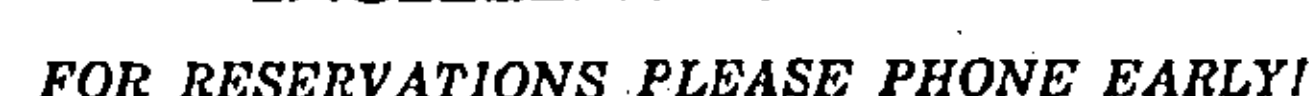
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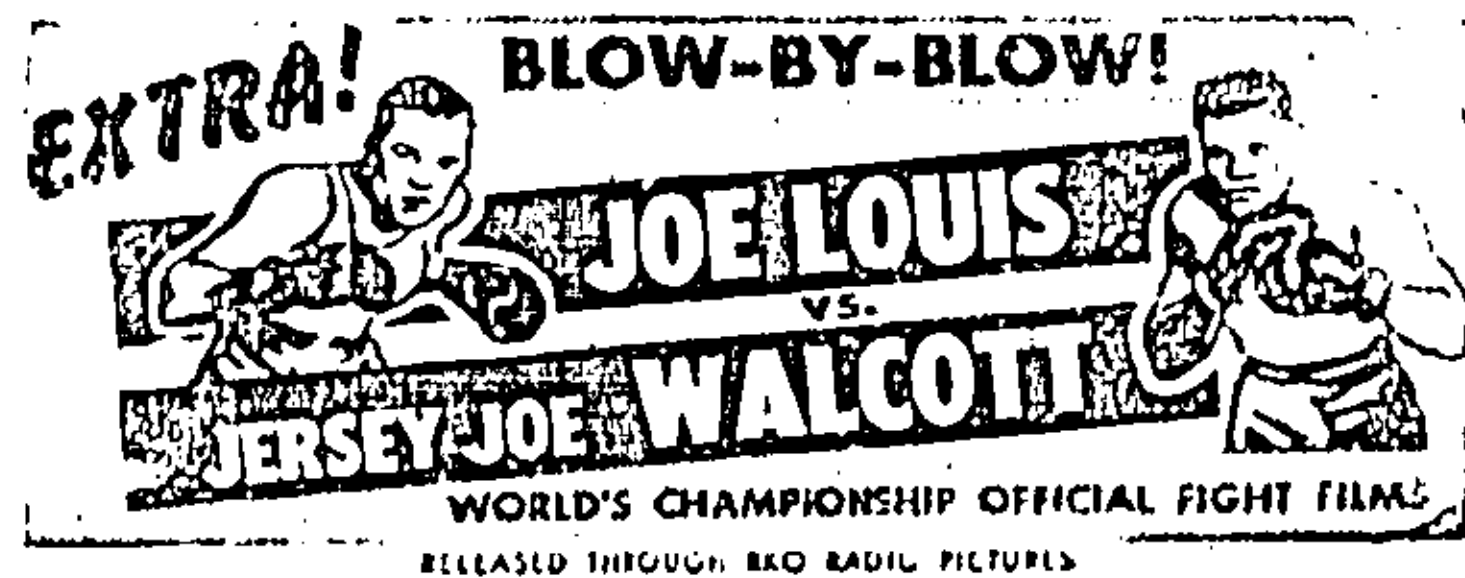
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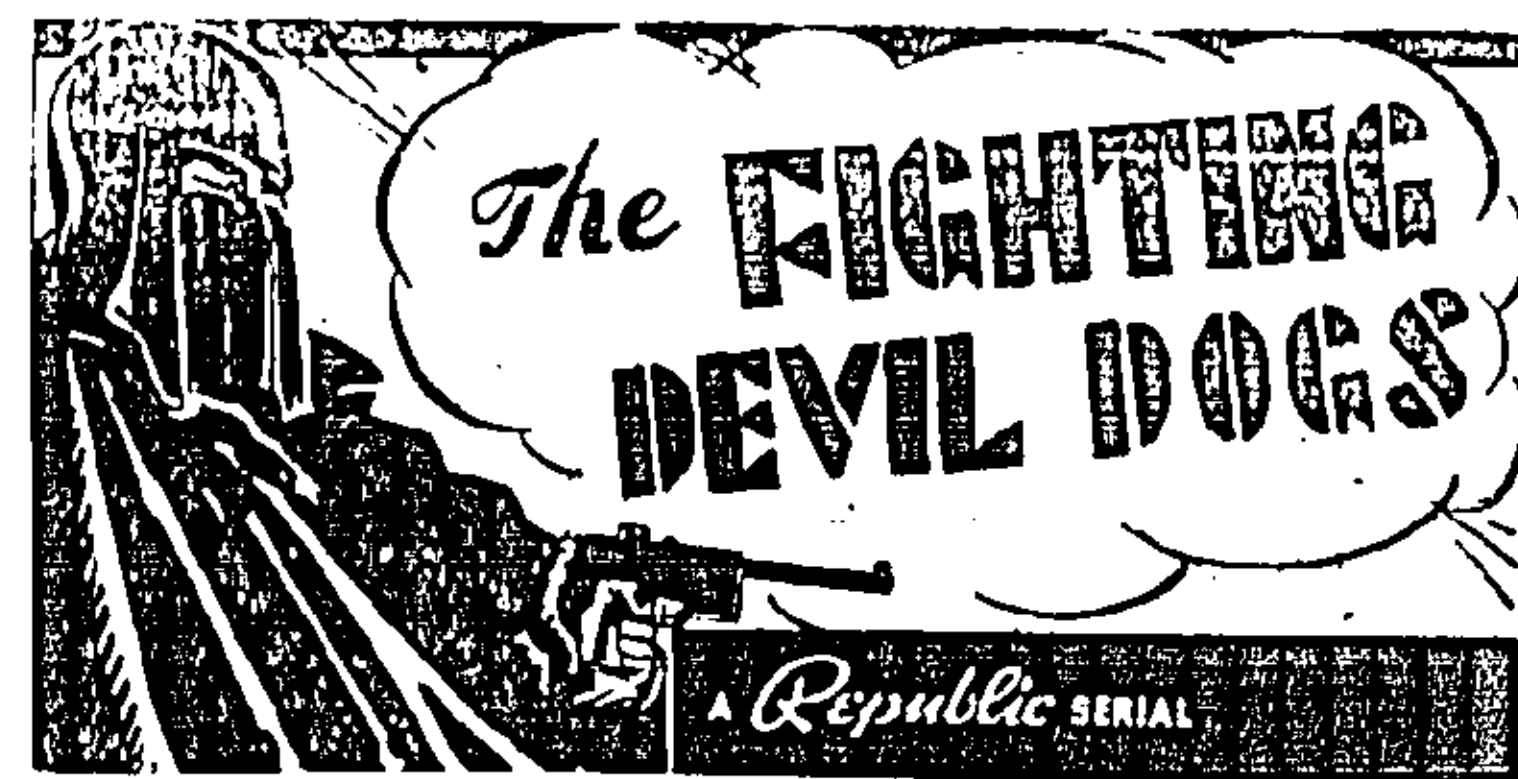
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WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT

Pressure To Found A Third Party

Justice Goes Slow In P.I.

Manila, Dec. 22. The Philippine People's Court, which is under Congressional fire and facing abolition as an agency for trying war collaborators, reported it had disposed of only 400 of 5,553 cases of treason thus far in the 1947 calendar.

Twenty-four were acquitted, 397 dismissed and 69 suspects convicted.

The Court said it was hampered by procedural tangles and by "recurrent news of amnesty and abolition of the Court."—Associated Press.

RUSSIANS BUILDING UP NAVY

Washington, Dec. 22. The Navy publication said today that the Russian fleet is on the upgrade but indicated that Soviet is holding on to many antiquated vessels.

The official magazine "All Hands," published by the Navy's Bureau of Personnel, said the Soviet fleet "emerged from the recent war stronger than ever before."

Available information, said the magazine, indicates the Soviet has four fleets—Baltic, Northern, Black Sea and the Pacific plus flotillas in the Caspian Sea and on large Russian rivers.

The magazine said that in recent years Russia started designing and building her own warships "although not reluctant to acquire vessels from her allies or from defeated enemies."

It said in a "Foreign Shipbuilding" section that the Soviet fleet included some of Germany's high-speed vessels captured at the end of the war by agreement with the United States and Britain. United Press.

CHOLERA SCARE IN SYRIA

Damascus, Dec. 22. A number of suspected cases of cholera have occurred in three Syrian villages, two of them near Damascus, the capital.

The villages have been isolated on orders of the Syrian Government and compulsory vaccination has been ordered in the affected areas. Country-wide inoculation is being considered.—Reuter.

EX-BLACK LIST MAN'S DEAL

Mexico City, Dec. 21. Swedish millionaire Axel Wenner-Gren announced he has arranged to buy control of Mexico's two telephone systems valued at US\$60,000,000.

Wenner-Gren was on the U.S. and British black lists during the war.—Associated Press.

Wealthy Backers' Defection

Washington, Dec. 21. Mr. Henry Wallace, former Democrat Vice-President of the United States, has been subjected this week to strong pressure from the extreme left wing of his supporters to found a third political party and declare immediately his intention of becoming a candidate for the Presidency next year in opposition to both the Republican and Democrat candidates.

Mr. Wallace has, so far, vigorously avoided committing himself in any way, but reports that he was inclining to get into a third party were sufficient to cause a split in the diminished number of organizations which still strongly support him.

The most important was the deflection of his wealthy potential financial backers, the wealthy New York section of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, and a demand that President Truman and Mr. Wallace should resolve their differences from Mr. Frank Kingdon, one of the chairmen of the Progressive Citizens of America, an organization which has, hitherto, been an enthusiastic Wallace supporter.

Senator's Action

Earlier this year, after Mr. Wallace's attacks on United States policy towards Russia, he was disavowed by the "Liberal" section headed by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. Mr. Paul Porter, the former Price Control chief, who is now United States member of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, and others who had been close associates of Mr. Wallace from his New Deal days.

The organizations have disavowed themselves from Mr. Wallace as a Presidential candidate and he has also been disavowed by the leaders of the powerful Congress of Industrial Organizations and other unions.

His close friend, Senator Claude Pepper (Democrat of Florida), has made it clear that he will support President Truman for the Presidency.

Unpredictable

Mr. Wallace is not a Communist and has always appeared unimpaired by the support the Communists have given him. It is therefore considered unlikely that he will take the plunge and stand for the Presidency outside the Democrat Party—and he has no chance of defeating Mr. Truman for the Democratic nomination.

But political observers here say that Mr. Wallace's career has shown him to be completely unpredictable.

Mr. Wallace's friends say that the primary motive of his political thinking is to prevent the drift to war which he feels is inevitable if President Truman remains in office and continues his present policy towards Russia.

NEW ITALIAN CONSTITUTION

Rome, Dec. 22. It was officially announced here today that the new Republican Constitution of Italy will be effective from Jan. 1.

It is expected that the Constitution will be finally approved by the Constituent Assembly on Monday.—Reuter.

SHORT SKIRTS LOSE OUT

Paris, Dec. 22. The world league for short skirts received a stinging defeat here in the world's fashion capital.

Out of 5,500 Parisiennes, the short, the fat, the tall, those women who are the delight and inspiration of designers, 5,112 have let down their hems.

Seventy-seven percent, according to a poll conducted on the Champs Elysees with a tape measure on 5,500 women, now wear their skirts between 38-40 centimetres off the ground. Five percent already have a new long dress, only seven percent even like the short skirt and eight percent who wear their skirts above the knee would like to be able to afford an ankle-length one. Nine out of ten Paris women would buy full skirts instead of straight ones.

The crowning coup is that a large department store has put out all its dresses with longer skirts—35 centimetres from the floor for day wear, 33 for evening, and a large hem.—United Press.

HIGH MASS TELEVISED

Philadelphia, Dec. 21. Solemn High Mass was televised from the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul here today.

It was believed to be the first telecast from a Catholic cathedral.

Witnessing the television service did not suffice for Catholics to comply with the requirement that they must be physically present at Mass on Sundays, cathedral authorities said, but such programmes "might give non-Catholics a better understanding of the Church's principal form of worship."—Reuter.

Frankfurt, Dec. 22. The first number of the Deutscher Volkstheater, the weekly organ of the German People's Congress in the Soviet Zone, appeared today in 1,000,000 copies.—Reuter.

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PERSONAL

MR. & MRS. R. LEIGH wish All
Friends A Merry Christmas
and A Happy New Year.
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FUNERAL

GUTTERER: The funeral of the
late Dr. D.M.P. Gutterer will
take place at the Catholic Cen-
tery Happy Valley on the 24th
December 1947, the cortege pass-
ing the Monument at 5.00 p.m.

XMAS MESSAGE
FOR CHINA

President Chiang Kai-shek's
Christmas Message, viewed
from any angle, was a notable
peroration, revealing insight as
well as idealism, sanity as well
as sincerity.

The appeal was powerful both in
its clarity of thought and its
urge towards the right road to
national regeneration, and it
magnificently reasserted the
Generalissimo's claims to moral
as well as political leadership
of a hard-pressed nation.

Wise statesmanship would, how-
ever, recommend something
more.

"One of the features of our new
constitution (to be inaugurated
on Christmas Day) which
stands out in high relief," said
the President, "is its guaran-
tee to the Chinese people of
that freedom and dignity of
the individual which is basic in
the philosophy of Christianity."
China's new constitution con-
firms the rights of men to its
people. It is conceived in the
spirit of a free people.

These are high-sounding words.
They mean, no doubt, that the
prospects are there if the Chi-
nese people make full use of
the opportunity to progress.
They can hardly mean that
such actions as the proscription
of the Democratic League by the
Central Government, and those
which point so seriously to
the absence of a clear and
equitable rule of law, are pre-
sented as confirmation of the
existence of protection for the
rights of men and the liberty
of the subject.

It may be suggested therefore
that the President assert his
leadership of the nation yet
more vigorously. His personal
prestige was never higher—the
morale of the country seldom
lower. A situation exists that
calls for concentration of effort
along the lines which the Gen-
eralissimo himself has marked
out. He has sounded a rally-
ing-call. Can he gather round
him the men of the calibre re-
quired?

Boost for Britain

Most significant feature of the
Colony's trade returns for
November is the considerable
increase in imports from the
United Kingdom, in particu-
lar, and from British Empire
countries in general.

From the United Kingdom, the
Colony imported merchandise
to the value of \$21,466,279
which compares with a month-
ly average of less than \$13-
000,000 in the previous ten
months, and with \$3,576,538
in November, 1946.

The British Empire as a whole
exported to Hong Kong goods
to the value of \$58,318,068,
against an average for the pre-
vious ten months of \$35,300-
000, and a figure of \$18,300-
815 in November, 1946.

These are striking increases, in-
deed, and they gain in interest
when it is disclosed further
that imports from the United
Kingdom during November
exceeded those from the United
States (\$19,669,727) for the
first time since the Liberation.

There, it seems probable, is to
be found cause and effect. The
official restrictions upon the
grant of dollar exchange are
apparently producing a new
trend in the Colony's trade,
away from the hard currency
countries to the sterling area,
while it would also appear that
Britain's export drive is, at long
last, beginning to bear fruit in
this part of the world.

In one sense, of course, it is no-
thing to become particularly
jubilant about. Ideal trade
conditions for this Colony

Don Iddon's Diary

While Continental Europe is
slashing its own wrists, swal-
lowing arsenic, and putting its
head in the gas oven, the U.S.
is making more goods, more
money, and more presents than
any other nation has done in
the world's history.

The contrast is so stark it is
overwhelming. France is
sized with suicidal tendencies.
Italy is tottering, Germany is
crushed, and the story from
them all is one of violence and
despair.

And they choose the week
when American Congress is
voting emergency aid and de-
bating long-range help to stag-
gering tragedy.

Working It Out

It could not have happened
at a worse time, and it has em-
barrassed U.S. Government offi-
cials trying to put across a
programme which will be fi-
nanced by the dollars and cents
of American workers.

It is difficult for an American
working eight hours a day, and
sometimes more, in coal mines
and factories and furnaces to
see why he should allot part of
his pay to mobs of idlers,
strikers, and trouble-makers.

Today the U.S. is almost
strike free. She is going to
work getting out the coal and
the steel, growing the food,
manufacturing the goods and
delivering them.

Her national production this
year will total 235,000,000,000
dollars.

Naturally, America is proud
of her latest figure. She would
like to parade it before Euro-
pean eyes with the reminder
that it was not achieved by
striking, and firing guns.

Golden Sheen

In New York all the prepara-
tions are for Christmas. Huge
trees hung with red and blue
and yellow fairy lights are be-
ing put up along Park Avenue.
The stores are jammed with
goods, limitless and unrationed.
Fifth Avenue is a parade of

luxury and wealth. The city
sparkles and gleams and
shines with gold and silver.

The people seem less restless
than usual. They are counting
their blessings and thanking
their stars, and there are so
many of both they need
algebra tables to get the an-
swer right.

Political controversy has eb-
bed, and the only fierce argu-
ment is about the Joe Louis
Joe Walcott fight. This fight
was won by Jersey Joe—no
doubt about it.

The man we all sneered at,
the father of six, the has-been
who had retired four times and
once was on relief, beat Louis.
He outboxed, outfought, and
outmanoeuvred him.

I saw the fight, and Walcott
won it as decisively as Men-
gomery whipped Rommel. The
announced result made no
sense and stank up Madison
Square Garden.

They talk about cleaning up
boxing—well, here's their
chance.

"Thanks Two Million"

The latest inflation viscerack
is "Brother, can you spare a
diamond?" and people now are
saying: "Thanks two million."

I have been flat on my back
half the week with influenza.
A mild epidemic has hit the
town and it bowled me over.

Stuffed with aspirins and in-
haling quick cure-alls which
made me feel worse, your col-
umnist has been half man and
half benzadrine.

Anyway, it is a mistake to be
ill in New York, because doc-
tors get paid at least four times
as much as their London
equivalents.

Ten dollars (£2 10s.) a visit
is not unusual. If you are well
enough to go to the surgery
yourself, the usual charge is £1.

Painful Extraction

Dentists often send in even
more fantastic bills. For a
really involved job of filling,
filling, with a couple of extra-
actions and bridge-work thrown
in, you are lucky if you get
away with paying less than
£100.

I was not surprised in the
least to see the announcement
that Americans are eating more
meat now than they were two
months ago, when the Govern-
ment asked the people to ob-
serve meatless Tuesdays. The
voluntary conservation pro-
gramme is a flop.

Talking about food, I want
to pay tribute to the generosity
of the individual American.
While the U.S. Government is
busily helping ex-enemies Italy
and Austria (and France), the
people here are digging into
their pockets to send food-par-
cels to their friends and allies.

The number of private pack-
ages going to Britain is
mounting every week. Such
organizations as Commu-
Cause, Bundles for Freedom,
and CARE are working pro-
digious.

No Names, No Pack

Unfortunately, there has been
some loose reporting about or-
ganisations here needing names
and addresses to which to send
food. It isn't so. British peo-
ple's hopes have been buoyed,
yet the chances of their being
satisfied are small.

Actually, the need is so great
in Britain, judging from every-
thing I hear and read, that the
whole question of food-parcels
should be a subject for top-level
Government discussion. British
people don't want charity, and
never have done.

Hollywood has had a big
scare thrown into it. It is
frightened of the Government
and worried about public opin-
ion. It can never forget the
scandal that hit it over the
Fatty Arbuckle case years ago.
Lately many films have been
the target for attacks by church
Leagues, women's clubs, "Decency
Leagues," and launderers' con-
ventions.

So the film city is leaning
over backwards not to offend.
For years it imposed its own
morality code under Will Hays
although it often broke its own
rules and regulations.

Now Eric Johnston is laying
down the law, and the Motion
Picture Association has an-
nounced that further gangster
films are out and titles such as

THE AMERICAN SCENE

"The Killers," "This Gun For
Hire," "The Last Gangster,"
"Shoot To Kill," "Gang War,"
etc., have been denounced as
bad for the industry.

Star Of Eve

In view of all this studio
chiefs are in no mood for bat-
tling with the Government.
They have, therefore, feebly
capitulated to the Congression-
al Un-American Activities Com-
mittee, and are now firing
liberals retail.

Gracie Fields is due here to
open Christmas Eve in a floor
show. The Lancashire lass is
almost as popular here as in
Britain.

Bing Crosby is suffering
from make-up poisoning and
has a bad rash. This is a fre-
quent ailment in the film busi-
ness.

George Bernard Shaw's "Man
and Superman" is netting him
almost £1,200 a week in royalti-
ties. And the old man says he
is broke!

Joe Louis, classed as an
artist for taxation purposes, is
to receive \$80,000, plus ex-
penses, for his appearances in
Britain.

British gramophone records
now have a unique opportunity
to invade the American market
in force and make important
captures.

All recording by American
musicians is scheduled to end
on December 31, by order of
the All-Highest, Supreme Czar,
James Petrillo, the president of
the American Federation of
Musicians.

Discounted

Artists here are turning out
discs, trying to build up a big
backlog, but by the New Year
they will have to quit.

This is Britain's chance. Al-
ready numbers by Gracie
Fields, Anne Shelton, Vera
Lynn, and Beryl Davis are very
popular.

Our records are said to be of
better quality and to last longer.
Let's hope we don't miss this
wide-open highway to garner
dollars.

Frank Morgan says before
marriage a man yearns for a
woman. After marriage the
"y" is silent.

Week's play: "A Streetcar
Named Desire," by Tennessee
Williams. A wonder hit—the
best for years, Cochran, Shep-
ard, and the Little's please
note and please buy.

Footnote: If the Foreign
Ministers don't work out an
agreement, all we will have to
look forward to is a martial
plan.

The Manchurian Threat

By JOHN RODERICK

Lin Piao's Chinese Commu-
nist troops, defying the marrow-
chilling cold, appear to have
embarked on an earnest
seventh general offensive on
strategically important Man-
churia.

Two months ago the Nation-
alists were saying that such an
offensive could not be under-
taken because of Manchuria's
severe winter, during which
the mercury often plunges down
as low as 35 degrees below
zero.

This theory that winter is an
insurmountable barrier to fight-
ing is almost as old and decep-
tive in this part of the world
as the Maginot Line's im-
pregnability was in Europe.

Every time the bitter cold
season rolls around, the arm-
chair strategists predict a lull
in the fighting, forgetting that
the Japanese conquered Man-
churia 15 years ago in mid-
winter, and that the Chinese
Reds during the past years
have done some most effective
slugging in that period.

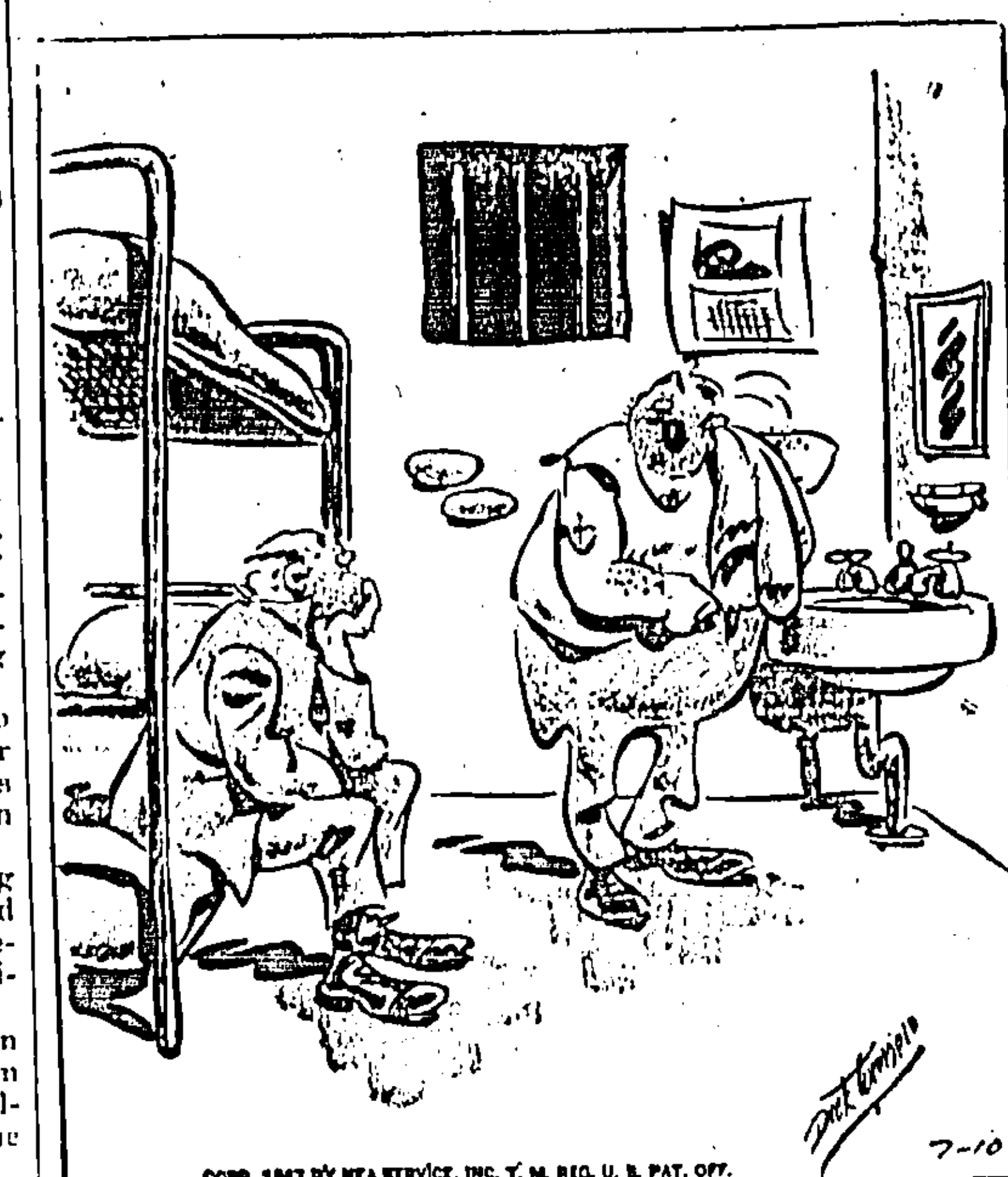
Manchuria's too-tingling chill-
iness, however, is no foe to be
lightly approached by a mili-
tary Commander. To defeat it
—a job which comes before
engaging the enemy—warm
clothes, adequate food and high
morale are top essentials.

The Communists appear to
have all three, but both Na-
tionalists and Reds are sure to
lose hundreds of men from ex-
posure and incapacitation of
more hundreds will result when
hands freeze to gun barrels and
ears and feet turn a tollable
blue.

If the Manchurian winter
campaign is risky, it also has
definite advantages. Among
(Continued in Col. 7)

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turnor



"I was doin' just dandy till the state passed the sales tax—my \$1.03 bill didn't click!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

PROBABLY FOURTH-
BEST

Whenever your partner leads
against a No Trump game a card
which is clearly his lowest of the
suit, it is usually wise to treat it as
being his fourth-best. Of course, it
might be a third-best underlead of an
honor, especially if it is a lead in the
middle of the hand instead of at
the start, and more especially if he
had already shown another four-card
suit. But in cases of about 50-50
doubt, the keen defender knows it
ordinarily pays to count on it as
from a four-card holding.

S. J 10 8 5
H. K Q 9 2
D. 8 3
C. 6 4 2

S. 9 6 3 2
H. A 7 4
D. 9 7 4 2
C. 9 3

S. K 7 4
H. J 5 3
D. A K J
C. J 10

(Dealer: South, East-West vulner-
able.)
South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 H Pass
3 NT

This North-South pair was sup-
posed to be using strong opening No
Trump, so that the partner could
afford to respond in a suit with quite
a weak hand. But what nobody at

the table knew except South was that
he was shooting for a top in the
duplicate. And he got away with it.

West opened his spade 2, the K
playing on the 8—not too clever de-
fense—and the A winning. With
only eight tricks in sight before risk-
ing a diamond shift, South felt his
best chance to sneak the ninth through
by trying it at once in hearts.
So he led the 6 and was disappointed
A and shift to his diamond 2. East
won that with the K and South felt
himself slipping.

Then light began to dawn for him
as East studied and studied. Know-
ing nothing about that concealed club
suit, East could not make himself be-
lieve West had four diamonds and
South therefore only a doubleton

headed by the Q. His reflections
made him sure South held three dia-
monds, with either South or West
holding the Q. If this was the case,
his own best chance to bring in the
suit rested on clearing it at the
second trick by leading the J, as
West might not unblock after an A
lead if he had the Q. When South
got this trick, he followed blithely
with all the rest to score his game
plus two extras—a whale of a top.

Your Next Question

What are the advantages and dis-
advantages to your side from bidding
two suits, if an opponent eventually
becomes the declarer?

(Continued from Col. 6)
these is the fact that during
other seasons the area has few
good military roads, but after
the ice forms a solid floor on
the broad rivers, Nature has
supplied some of the best com-
munication routes.

Reports from Peiping tell of
the Reds continuing to pound
the Peiping-Mukden railway in
the Shanhai-Kuan area, close to
the Great Wall of China.

A Mukden dispatch says that
the Communists are placing
Kaiyuan, 55 miles northeast of
Mukden, under attack, while the
big Southern Manchurian city

itself is menaced by forces five
miles away.

If the Reds succeed in doing
lasting damage during the next
few weeks, Manchuria will
forever disprove the supposi-
tion that a major campaign is
impossible because of the wea-
ther.

NEW HIGH

Detroit, Dec. 22.
United States and Canadian
automotive plants this week
turned out 120,000 cars and
trucks for a new post-war high.
Wards Automotive reports said.
—Associated Press.

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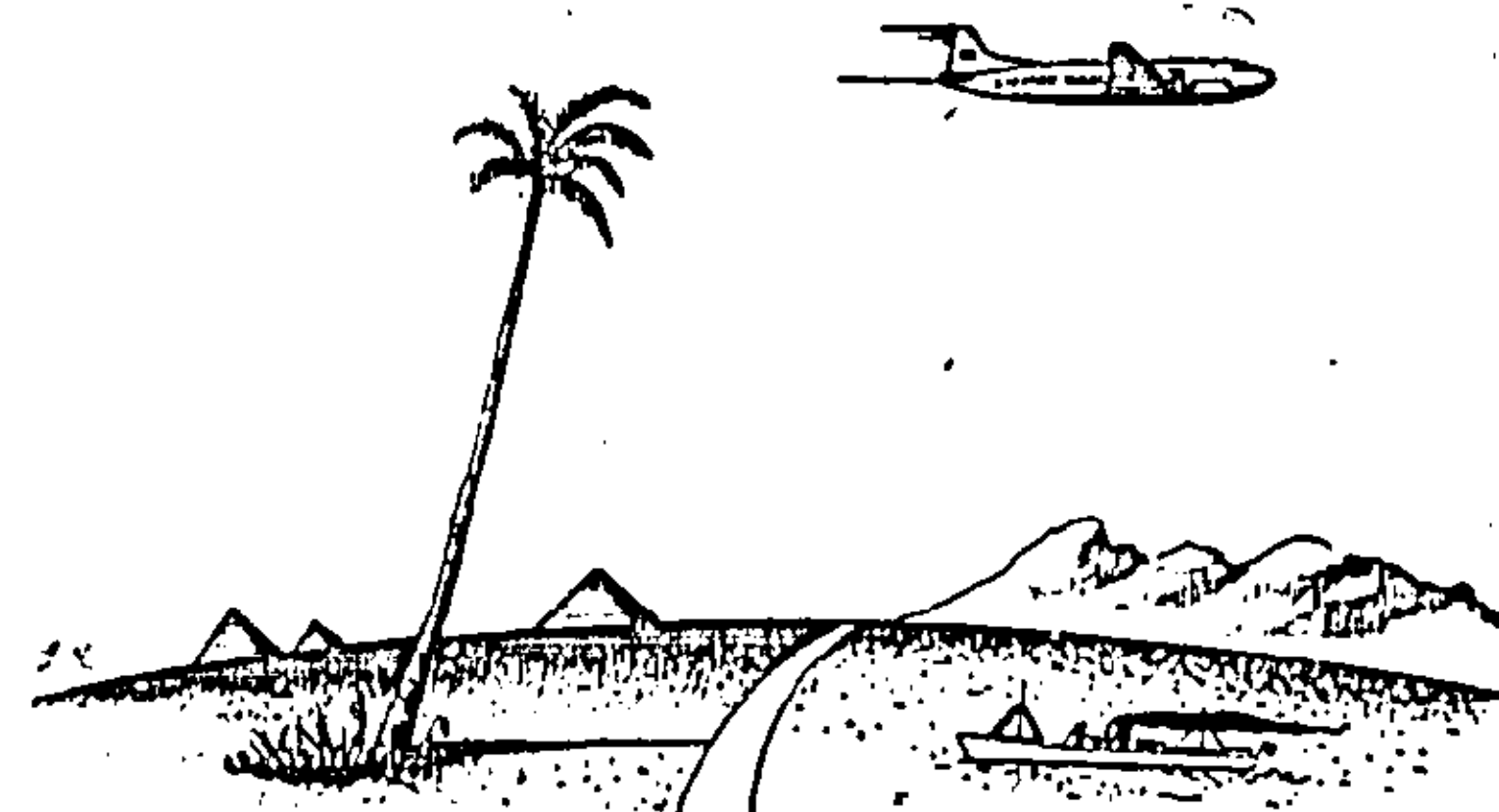
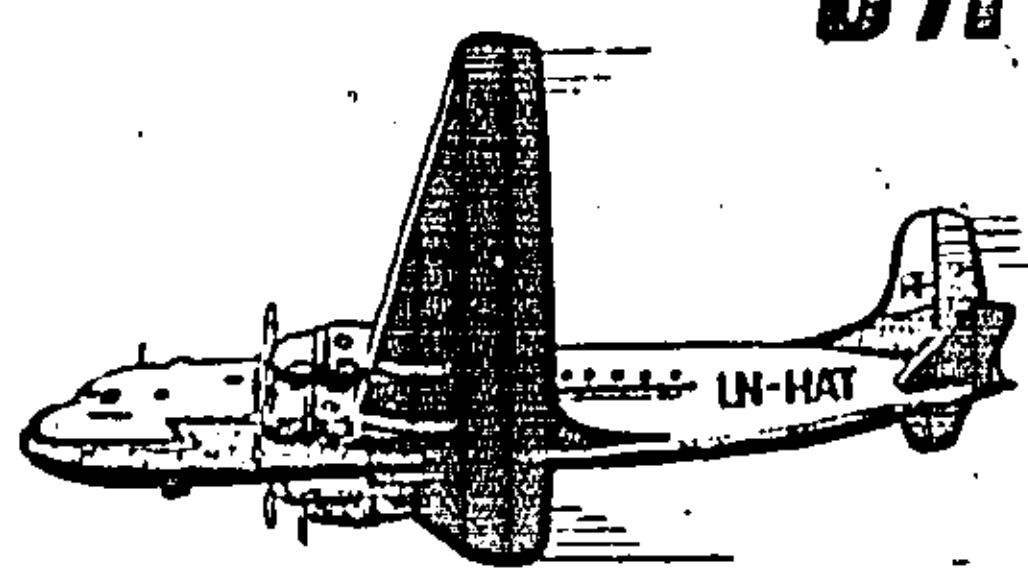
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COMMUNIST MANOEUVRING

Solid Bloc Of States In Red Belt

Great New Power In Europe

London, Dec. 22.

The "Red belt" states of Europe are moving into a fairly solid bloc to contend for Communist domination of the continent.
Under Russian direction the states of Eastern Europe seem bent on standardising their programmes to resist Western bids for leadership.

These conclusions can be drawn from interviews with men in both the Eastern and Western spheres—Foreign Ministers, Ambassadors and officials who help to shape the foreign policies of a half dozen countries.
They talked with the understanding their names would not be used. These men predict as probable developments early in 1948:

Eastern and Western states will revamp their foreign policies in the light of the situation in Germany, where a state of informal partition now exists. This may lead to a series of new regional defence alliances, not only to guard against new aggression by Germany but also to provide for mutual aid against any aggression.

Federal-Union?

Red belt states of the Balkans will intensify the process they have already started of centring their political and economic links with the countries of the Danube Basin.

With federal union of Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Albania, Romania and Hungary as a possible long-term objective, the sources said, all these states immediately will aim at writing mutual aid pacts, interlocking treaties of friendship, progressive elimination of trade and tariff barriers, and coordination of their respective national economic recovery plans.

Greatest Menace

In this connection, one European Foreign Minister said, "Tightened political and economic ties between these Communist-led countries will unite 80,000,000 to 90,000,000 people and in effect mean that a great new power has arisen in Europe."

A clear-cut Eastern European recovery programme, under Russian leadership, is likely. Its objective will be to outstrip the Marshall plan and so to gain the political whip hand over Europe.

Xmas Menu For The Troops

LONDON, DEC. 21.

TROOPS ON DUTY IN THE WESTERN COMMAND ON CHRISTMAS DAY WILL BE WELL CATERED FOR IF THE CHEFS CAN CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTED MENUS.

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Ta—Christmas cake, assorted fancy cakes, sandwiches, tea, bread and butter, jam.
Buffet supper—Port, sandwiches, sausage rolls, Christmas cake and assorted cakes.—Reuter.

BOMBING IN TRIESTE

Trieste, Dec. 21.

Four bombs, thrown by unknown persons during the Yugoslav partisans' celebrations here today, injured 10 people.

The celebrations had not been authorised by the Military Government.—Reuter.

Russians In America

Washington, Dec. 21.

Senator Millard Tydings today revealed that Justice Department records showed that 3,077 Russian Government officials were in the United States on various missions.

The figures, compiled by the Immigration and Naturalization Service early this month, also showed that 131 Soviet citizens were visiting the United States "for business reasons" and another 219 Russians were here as members of international organizations such as the United Nations, Senator Tydings said in a broadcast. He said immigration officials estimated that there were 206,000 alien residents of Russian nationality living in the United States, but emphasized, "A large number of these came here many years ago and probably would disclaim Soviet nationality."—United Press.

Unbounded Evil Of Social Hatred

London, Dec. 22.

The Pope, in a new encyclical letter published for Christmas and quoted by the Vatican radio today, called for an end to this "unbounded evil" of bitter hatred and dangerous unrest among the social classes.

The letter, which opened with the words: "Eagerly longed for peace," expressed the "burning sorrow" of the Holy Father in view of the uncertain situation of the present hour and appealed for unity and prayers.

"Eagerly longed for peace" after a long and sanguinary war had not been secured. Nations were living in anxious expectation of the uncertain future. The social classes of many nations were being shaken by bitter hatred and dangerous unrest. To check this unbounded evil was an urgent necessity.

"While on the one hand many nations are exhausted and are not in a position to solve the problems of reconstruction and employment, on the other hand the misery of the proletarian classes is being used with secret and sly calculation," the letter said.

"But not by stirring up discord, not by unrest and rebellion, not by the bleeding of fraternal blood can the misery of nations be mastered or lost well-being regained."

The letter said that the social crisis was presenting such an imminent danger at the moment and for the future that the common weal must by all means be put above private advantage.

New Record In Exports

LONDON, DEC. 21.

BRITAIN'S WORKERS BROKE ANOTHER RECORD LAST MONTH—THE DAILY RATE OF EXPORTS IN NOVEMBER WAS HIGHER IN JULY, THE PREVIOUS BEST SINCE THE WAR.

The value of the exports—£102,300,000—was £5,000,000 less than October but the fall in retained imports £23,200,000 was much larger.

The volume of exports in November is estimated at about 112 per cent of the 1938 figure.

The month's imports (£138,200,000) were £23,200,000 less than in October, due mainly to a reduction of £17,000,000 in the imports of food, drink and tobacco.—Reuter.

Yuan 'Seats' Clash Settled?

Nanking, Dec. 22.

After more than a month of negotiation, an agreement has been reached between the Kuomintang, Young China and Democratic Socialist parties for division of seats in the Legislative Yuan, a Kuomintang official said.

Under the plan, the Kuomintang will obtain from 70 to 80 candidates for enough voting districts to give each of the minor parties 75 seats from the total of 775, this source said.

The Legislative Yuan representatives and delayed filing of candidate lists, will be held for three days, starting on January 21.

Informed Kuomintang sources said they expected Sun Fo to retain the Presidency of the Legislative Yuan, despite a possible challenge by Chen Li-fu, party rightist bloc leader, who has announced his intention of seeking a Legislative Yuan seat.

These sources predicted that Sun Fo would surrender the Vice-Presidency of the nation—a position he now holds concurrently with the Yuan Presidency—because "at least the spirit, if not the letter, of the Constitution frowns on one man holding two such important posts."

Tighter Control

Meanwhile, the Chinese Government today announced a new, intensified economic control programme for 1948.

It includes provision for the imprisonment for one year at hard labour of anyone convicted of illegal transaction in gold or foreign exchange.

The programme provides that travellers may carry a maximum of US\$100 when entering or leaving China.

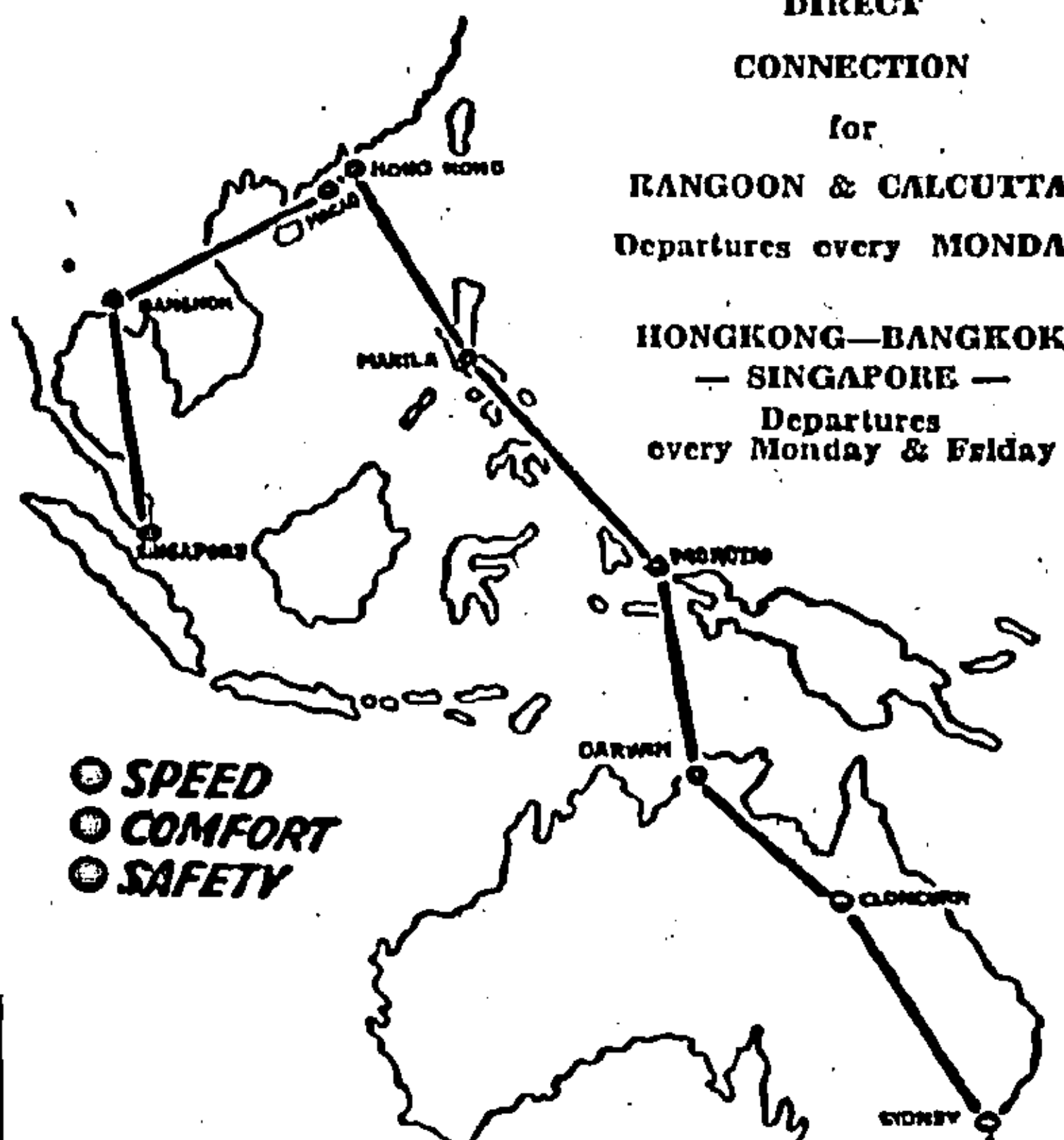
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DANGEROUS CHINA POSITION

Must Have Military Help From U.S.

Crisis Cannot Be Delayed

(By Miles W. Vaughn)

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

China must have extensive military assistance from the United States in the comparatively near future if Manchuria and parts of North China are to be saved from long-term Communist control, in the opinion of experienced American and Chinese leaders to whom this correspondent talked during the past week in Shanghai and Nanking.

The immediate situation is dangerous. It may well be desperate within four months. And may be hopeless by mid-summer unless American aid comes before that time.

The considered judgment of more than a score of leading Americans and Chinese—including the highest officials of the Chinese Government—with whom this correspondent had long personal conversations is that the crisis cannot be long delayed.

The immediate need of China, most informants believe, is military. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's army, which a year ago were on the offensive against the forces of the Chinese Communist Party on nearly all fronts, now are on the defensive. The Communist control more than 80 per cent of Manchuria and considerable areas of North China. Their patrols frequently raid the outskirts of the great North China cities of Peiping and Tientsin and occasionally penetrate to points almost within sight of the once great Yangtze river port of Hankow.

What Is Needed

They have bases almost in sight of Tsingtau, North China headquarters of Admiral Charles M. Cooke, Commander of the American Naval Forces in the West Pacific.

A composite of the best opinion as to what is needed runs about as follows:

The United States should issue statements that it will give China whatever military and economic assistance necessary to crush the Communist military movement and enable the Chinese people to govern themselves. This statement probably should be made by President Truman himself since he made most of the recent major statements on China policy.

He should make it clear that the assistance of the United States, on Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's armed forces will be active and continuous and will be carried out regardless of possible danger that the Soviet Union may counter with open military assistance to the Chinese Red armies.

MacArthur

A top American military leader should be named at once to be supreme military adviser to the Nanking Government if Nanking will give iron-clad assurances that his advice will be followed and that he will have complete control over American military supplies to be furnished this country.

In this connection there is general approval of the suggestion made by Mr. William C. Bullitt, former Ambassador to Russia, that Gen

Douglas MacArthur be selected for the task. The news that he was to become supreme military adviser to China, in itself would provide a tremendous stimulus immediately not only to the morale of the Nanking Government's armed forces but also the morale of the Chinese people as a whole.

"The name of Gen MacArthur would be equal immediately to a goodly number of crack army divisions in the war against the Chinese Communists," one high Chinese official said.

War First

Most informants agree that the foremost problem is military and that once war is ended and the Communist armed movement crushed, solution of the inflation, economic and political rehabilitation and scores of other problems with which the Chinese Government is faced will be much easier.

Most American informants believe that to give China extensive financial aid without first ending all armed rebellion against the authority of the Central Government would be a grave mistake. Events in the past year have proved, they assert, that nearly everything hinges on the military situation and that military problems can be solved only by giving extensive aid in the form of American advisers, ammunition and all kinds of equipment including air.

United Press.

COMPASSIONATE LEAVE FOR RUNDSTEDT

Cardiff, Dec. 21.

The 72-year-old German Field Marshal von Rundstedt left his prisoner-of-war camp in Bridgend, Glamorgan, today on eight days special leave to visit his only son, Lieutenant Von Rundstedt, who is gravely ill in a German hospital.

He was granted compassionate leave by the War Office to allow him to be with his son over the Christmas holidays, after receiving an urgent letter from the doctor about his son's condition.—Reuter.

No Large Loans From World Bank

Washington, Dec. 22.

The World Bank does not intend to make any large loans to Marshall Plan "countries" until the plan develops but says that it is definitely looking for good loanable risks among the pending applications from smaller countries, elsewhere.

Mexico is seeking a loan of \$200,000,000 and World Bank officials praise the form of this Mexican application with full supporting details of the purposes for which the money is required. A World Bank mission has arrived in Chile, which has asked for \$40,000,000.

Brazil has filed "a declaration of intention" but has not yet made a formal loan application. It is understood that other Latin-American applications are on the Bank's file.—Reuter.

Christian General Asked To Return!

NANKING, DEC. 22.

GENERAL FENG YU-HSIANG, NOW IN THE "FREE" STATES ON AN OFFICIAL CHINESE GOVERNMENT MISSION TO STUDY WATER CONSERVANCY, HAS BEEN ASKED BY HIS GOVERNMENT TO RETURN BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION OFFICE TONIGHT.

"Christian General" Feng was sent to the United States last year on Government funds and travelling on a Chinese diplomatic passport, made numerous public attacks on the Chinese Government, and abused Chinese leaders.

General Feng also has been charged with being instrumental in discouraging United States aid to China and opposing President Chiang Kai-shek.

The recall order was conveyed to him by the Chinese Embassy in Washington after the completion of his mission.—Reuter.

Six Weeks Convinced Them

LONDON, DEC. 22.

WITHIN SIX WEEKS OF THE ALLIED LANDINGS ON THE NORMANDY BEACHES THE GERMAN ARMY COMMANDERS WERE CONVINCED THAT GERMANY WAS DOOMED, ACCORDING TO A DOSSIER OF TOP SECRET GERMAN ARMY DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED BY THE WAR OFFICE TODAY.

The documents, which cover the events in the West from the middle of May 1944 to the beginning of October in the same year, disclosed that the commanders told Hitler of their opinions, but that he refused to take their advice and insisted on carrying on the struggle.

Five days after the landing, Field Marshal Rommel, German Commander in the West, sent a report to General Keitel, Supreme Commander, forecasting military defeat mainly because of the Allied air superiority.—Reuter.

Dusseldorf, Dec. 22.

The de-Nazification authorities from all the provinces of the British zone of Germany will meet on Monday to try to modify the widely differing de-Nazification procedure of the zone, following the recent British decision to hand over all the de-Nazification work to the Germans.—Reuter.

ANGLO-DUTCH TALKS

The Hague, Dec. 22.

Nothing was known here today of the reported agreement between the Dutch Government and the British frontier control group enabling local frontier traffic from Holland to Germany to be resumed, an authoritative spokesman stated.

A Reuter report from Cologne yesterday, quoting the Dutch Consulate there, said Dutchmen living in the frontier area would be able to cross into Germany on production of a passport without having to obtain entry visas or military permits. The spokesman at the Hague added that talks were being held about this question but so far there was no definite agreement with the British authorities.—Reuter.

MOSCOW ARRESTS

Moscow, Dec. 22.

The Moscow police today arrested nine people including some women, in their drive to force into jobs the idlers and speculators who were indicted in the decree announcing the currency reform a week ago. Since the introduction of the new rouble and new price schedules, the police have watched all markets.—Reuter.

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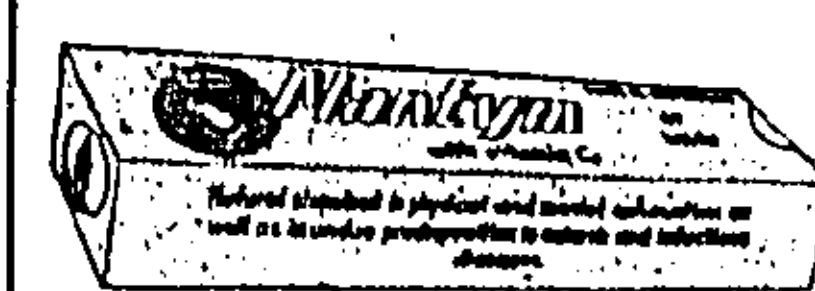
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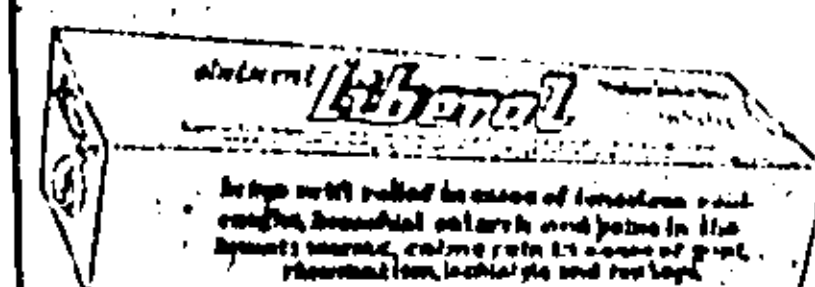
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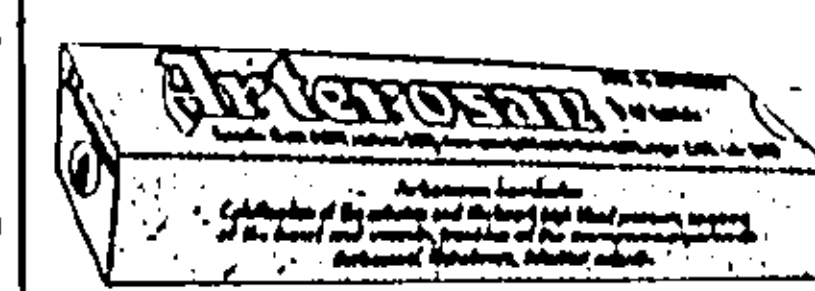
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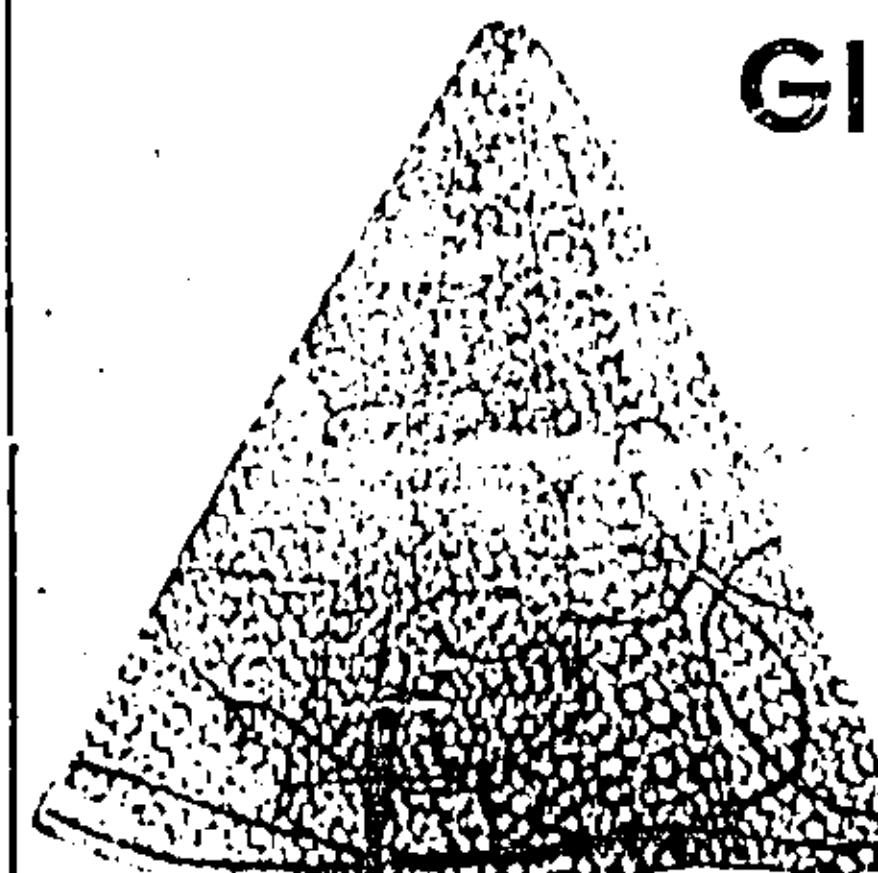
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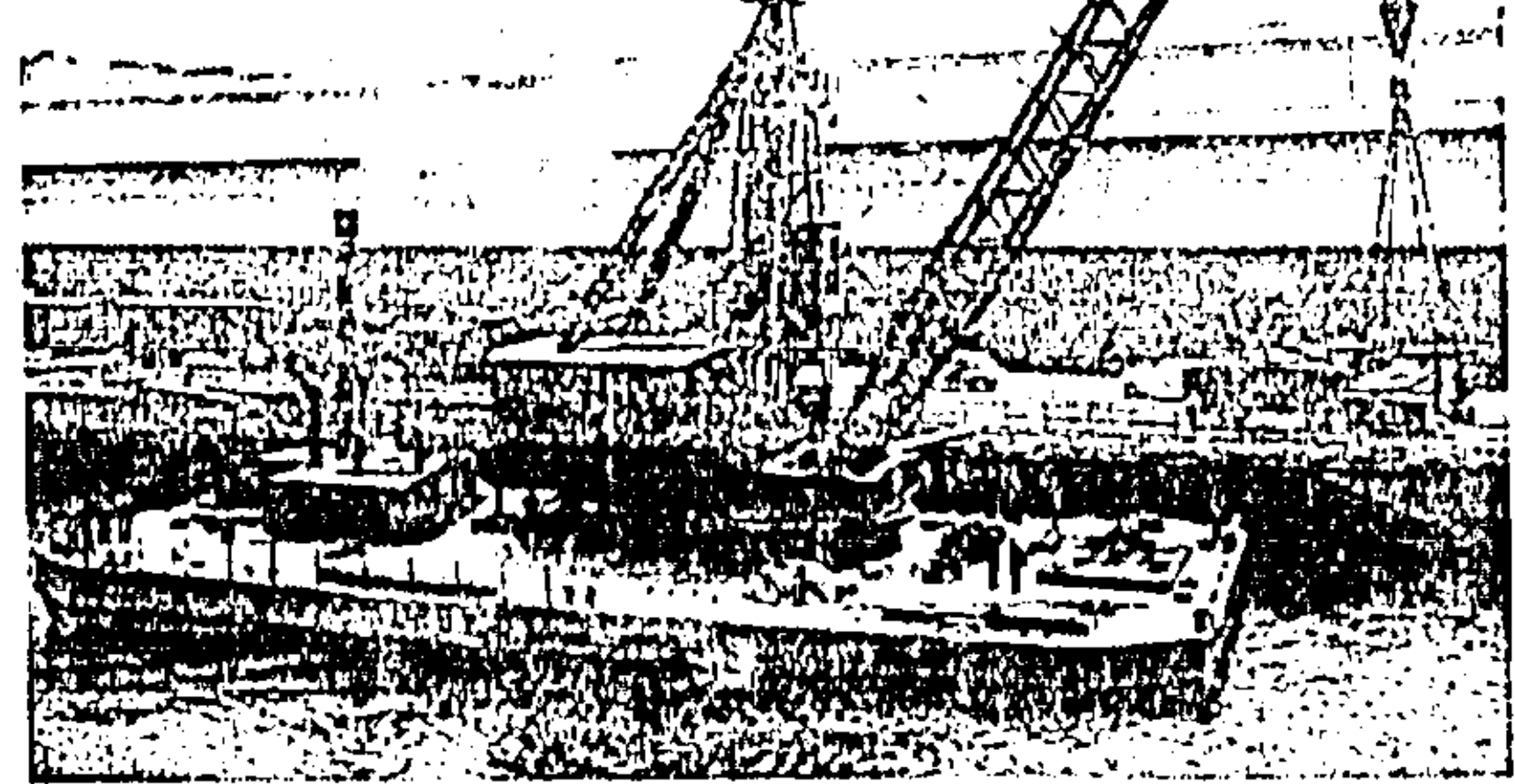
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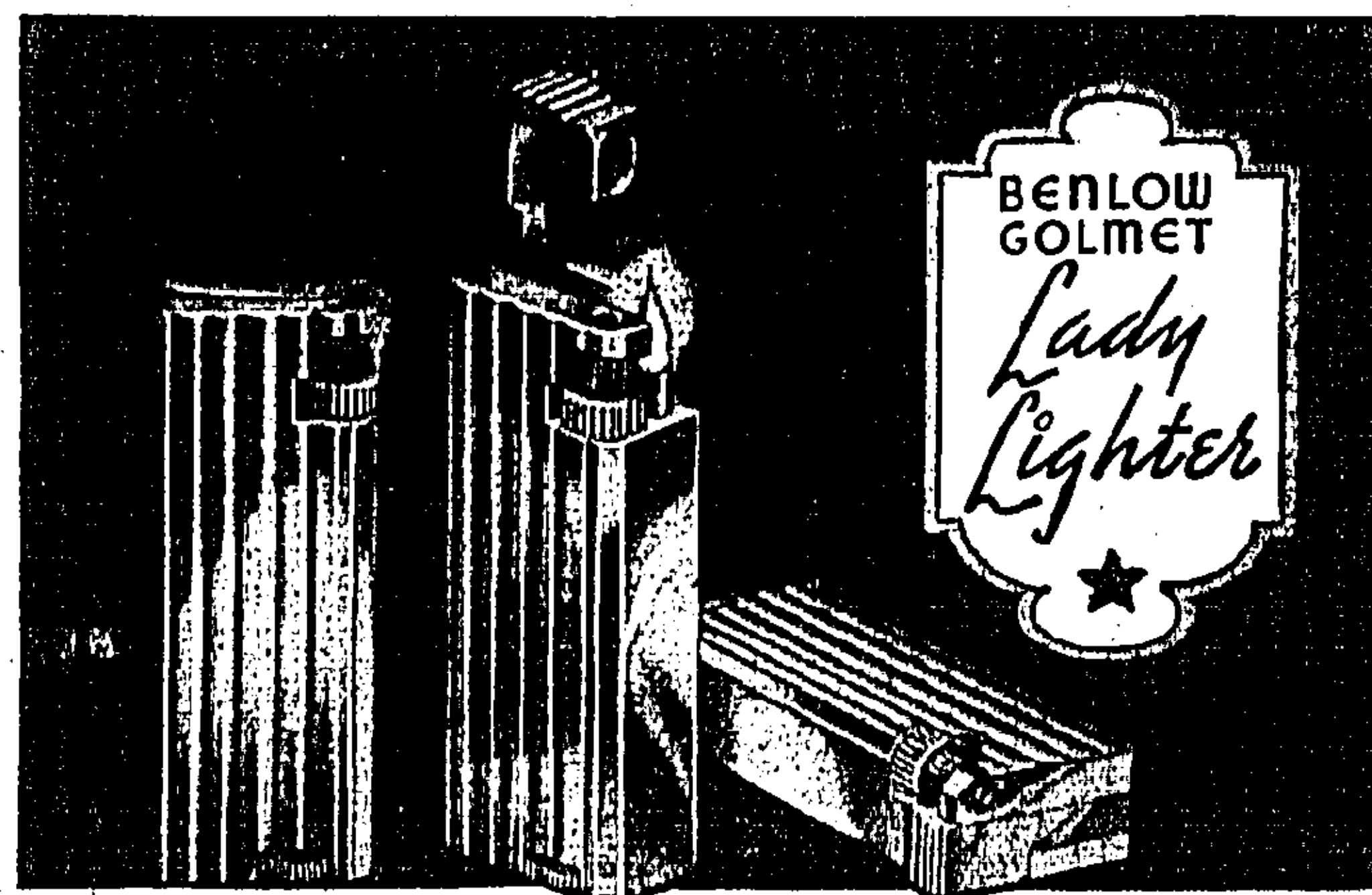
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NIZAM AFTER GOA ?

London, Dec. 22. The London Sunday newspaper News of the World reports that the Nizam of Hyderabad wants to buy the Portuguese port of Goa, Western India. It suggests that the return of London of his daughter-in-law, the Princess of Berar, is "not unconnected" with this ambition. At the Portuguese embassy in London tonight, Reuter was informed that the report was without foundation.—Reuter.

Travelled Faster Than Sound

WASHINGTON, DEC. 22. THE MAGAZINE AVIATION WEEK REPORTED TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE'S NEW ROCKET ENGINE PLANE, BELL XS-1, HAD BROKEN THROUGH THE "SUPER-SONIC BARRIER" TO FLY FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF SOUND. The publication asserted that flights at speeds somewhere above 660 miles per hour and which reached new record altitudes had been made "several times" during the last month at the Air Force desert flight centre at Muroc, California.

No official announcements of such flights, which would constitute one of the greatest feats in aviation history, have been made by the Air Force, nor did Air Force officials comment immediately.

According to the magazine, the first supersonic flight in history was made by Captain Charles Yeager, Air Force test pilot. The magazine says that "several subsequent penetrations" of the sonic barrier have been made by test pilots Howard Lilly and Herbert Hoover.—United Press.

COMMUNAL RIOTS IN BOMBAY

Bombay, Dec. 21. Four people were killed and eight injured in knife attacks by communal assailants in North and Central Bombay today.

The present communal disturbances, which started on Thursday, have been confined to sporadic knifings.

On Saturday, two people were killed and two injured in Central Bombay.

The Government has been imposing a curfew and collective fines on affected areas.—Reuter.

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The Screen's Newest Sensation

New York, Dec. 22. The New York Herald-Tribune in an editorial entitled "Emperor of Japan," said: "Despite American efforts to reduce the importance of the imperial institution in Japan, an institution so long employed by evil purpose—it appears Hirohito is becoming an even greater symbol of Japanese nationalism than he used to be."

Correspondent Allen Raymond observes. "The Japanese Emperor worship is like a stout tree that bends before the western breeze but does not break."

"Hirohito received wild ovations on post-war visits to every province in Honshu. Enormous public and private contributions were made to pay for his trips. The generosity of the Japanese in this connection is in marked contrast to their reluctance and in many cases refusal to pay taxes to support the democratic machinery provided by the new constitution."

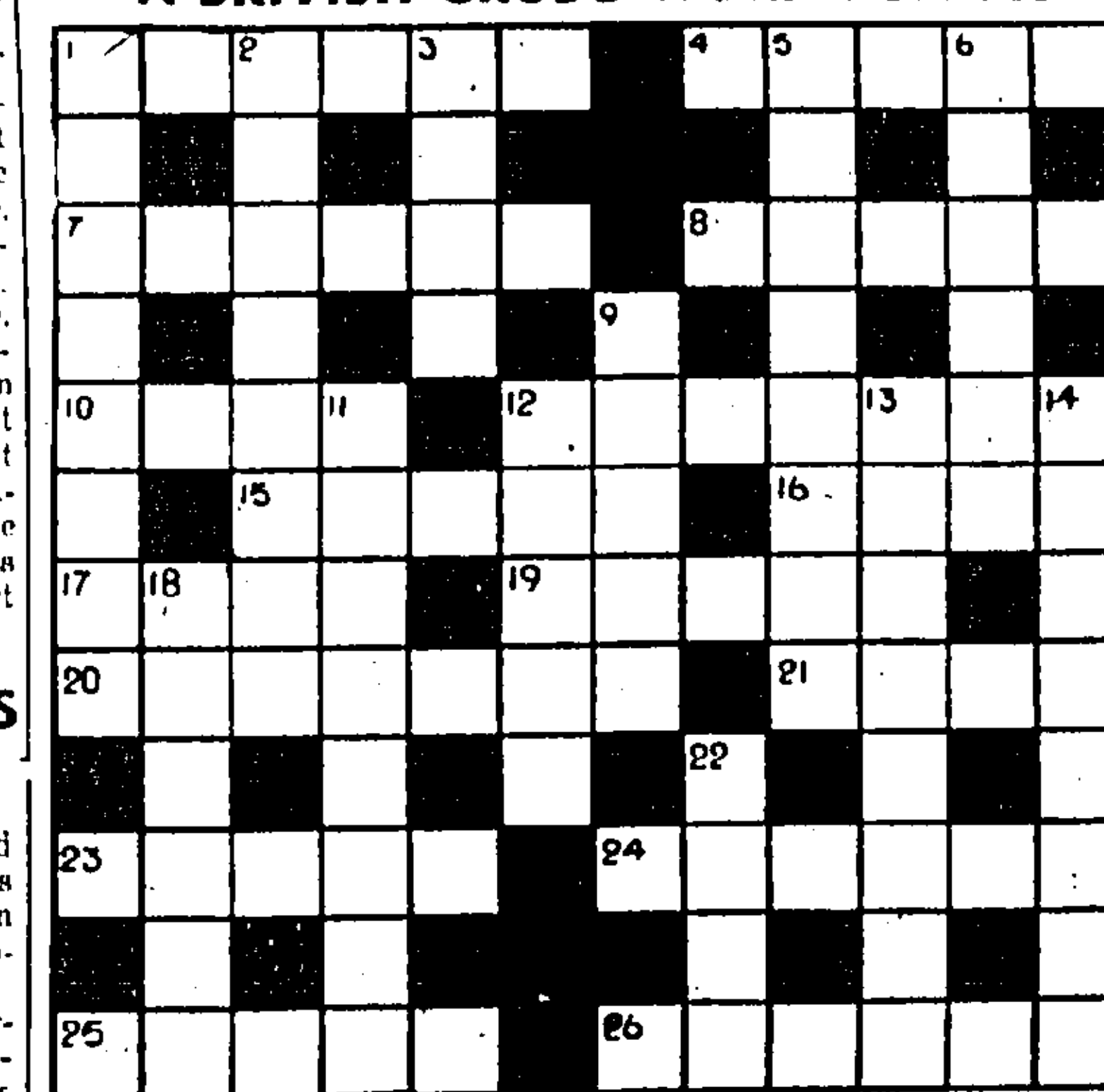
"The triumphal tours of the Emperor as well as other events in Japan create questions about some of the policies the United States followed in that country and indicate that Americans have not been free of wishful thinking."

Might Have Been Best

"After the American victory over Japan it was agreeable to believe that Hirohito could be used to maintain order in Japan (a proposal for which are strong arguments) and that he could be rewarded for his services by being allowed to retain the throne (a proposal of much less merit than the idea of using him)."

"A lot of disagreeable and most pressing problems for the Emperor as well as other events in Japan create questions about some of the policies the United States followed in that country and indicate that Americans have not been free of wishful thinking."

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5. Puts back.
6. Smoothed.
9. Spoon.
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14. Abandoned.
18. Horn.
22. Fruit.
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25. Estate.
26. Monument.

place. 24 Lingerie, 25 Estate, 26 Monument.

Down—1 Keeps, 2 Shady, 3 Amasses, 4 Peri, 5 Real, 6 Angler, 7 Hasten, 10 Razor, 14 Piper, 15 Tempest, 16 Vellum, 17 Canaan, 20 Canal, 21 Sewer, 22 Term, 23 Mien.

POPE'S XMAS ADDRESS

Vatican City, Dec. 22. The Christmas Eve address of Pope Pius XII in response to traditional greetings from the College of Cardinals will be broadcast to the world by Vatican radio. The original speech, in Italian, will be broadcast at 9:55 GMT. Thereafter the Vatican will broadcast translations in English, Polish, Spanish, German, French, Hungarian, Dutch and Portuguese.—Associated Press.

Russians Maintain Position

MOSCOW, DEC. 22. NO PESSIMISM IS BEING EXPRESSED IN MOSCOW COMPARED TO THE GLOOM IN THE WEST OVER THE BREAKDOWN OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL SESSION IN LONDON AND PROSPECTS OF FUTURE COLLABORATION AMONG THE BIG FOUR.

No Moscow commentators have even suggested that the international situation is hopeless, nor have they intimated that there may be no more meetings of the Foreign Ministers.

There is no indication of the Russians changing their position and there seems very little chance that the USSR will abandon the stand it took at London.

The Soviet press has taken this position concerning the Foreign Ministers' breakdown in London.

The United States caused the breakdown. The other western powers went to London with decisions already made. The United States counted on breakdown. Britain and France followed the American lead. They joined with the United States in trying to place the blame on Soviet Russia.—Associated Press.

REDS SENTENCE GERMANS

Moscow, Dec. 21. Sixteen Germans, found guilty by a Soviet military tribunal at Gornel of war crimes in Gornel (Byelo-Russia) district, have been sentenced to 21 years' confinement in reformatory labour camps. Tass, the official Soviet news agency, reported today. All 16 defendants pleaded guilty and asked the tribunal for clemency.—Reuter.

ITALIAN TRADE WITH RUSSIA

Rome, Dec. 22. A Foreign Office spokesman said Italy hopes to send a delegation to Moscow to start negotiations for a trade treaty soon.—Associated Press.

Peninsular & Oriental STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"TRIVOSE"	Shanghai	26th Dec.
"LANCASHIRE"	U.K. via Straits	26th Dec.
"TREVETHOE"	Shanghai	13th Jan.
"ORMARA"	Shanghai	15th Jan.
"EMPIRE BRENT"	U.K. via Straits	24th Jan.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. via Straits	25th Jan.
"DEVONSHIRE"	U.K.	13th Feb.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	16th Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	24th Feb.
"DILWARA"	U.K.	27th Feb.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"STRATHNAVER"	U.K.	24th Dec.
"LANCASHIRE"	Kure	27th Dec.
"TREVAYLOR"	Genoa, London	29th Dec.
	Amsterdam, Rotterdam	
	Straits & Colombo	
"TREVETHOE"	Shanghai	16th Jan.
"EMPIRE BRENT"	U.K.	25th Jan.
"EMPIRE BRENT"	Shanghai	26th Jan.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	15th Feb.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	23rd Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. via Straits & Continent	24th Feb.

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ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"SANGOLA"	Calcutta via Straits	31st Dec.
"SANGOLA"	Shanghai & Amoy	13th Jan.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"SANGOLA"	Amoy & Shanghai	2nd Jan.
"SANGOLA"	Calcutta via Straits	15th Jan.

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Shanghai 20th Dec. Macassar Java ports
25th Dec.**"TJITJALENGKA"** Due from Sailing for
Macassar and Batavia, Semarang,
Java ports 30th Dec. Macassar &
Soerabaya 5th Jan.**ORIENT-JAVA-AFRICA LINE
SOUTH-ATLANTIC LINE****"STRAAT
MALAKKA"** In Port Loading for
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Mauritius,
Laurance,
Marques, Belra,
Durban, East London,
Port Elizabeth,
Mosselbay, Capetown,
Buenos Aires, Monte-
video, Santos, Rio
de Janeiro,
26th Dec.Transshipment cargo on through bill of lading accepted for
Dar-Es-Salaam, Mombasa & Zanzibar.**"STRAAT
SOENDA"** South America, Sailing for
23rd Jan. 1948, South Africa,
8th Feb. 1948.**DELI-STRAITS-CHINA LINE****"VAN HEUTSZ"** Due from Sailing for
Swatow & Amoy 23rd Dec. SW re: re, Penang
& Acauan Dell
24th Dec.**"HEINRICH
JESSEN"** Belawan, Dell Sailing for
Penang, Singapore 23rd Dec. Singapore, Penang
& Belawan Dell
9th Jan. 1948.**Agents HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE****"BREDERO"** In Port Loading for
Manila/Singapore/
Colombo/Port Said/
Alexandria/
Haifa (direct).
Genoa/Marseilles/
Antwerp/Rotterdam/
Amsterdam/Hamburg/
Copenhagen/Gothen-
burg/Oslo,
22nd and 23rd Dec.**"LEOPOLDSKERK"** Due from Sailing for
Europe, first week of Jan. 1948, Port Said/Haifa/
Genoa/Marseilles/
Antwerp/Rotterdam/
Amsterdam/Hamburg/
Copenhagen/
Gothenburg/
Oslo, beginning of
February 1948.**"MOLENKERK"** Due from Loading for
Europe, on or about 16th Jan. Manila/Singapore/
Colombo/
Port Said/Haifa/
Genoa/Marseilles/
Antwerp/Rotterdam/
Amsterdam/Hamburg/
Copenhagen/
Gothenburg/
Oslo, beginning of
February 1948.**"ALPHERAT"** In Port Loading for
Manila/Singapore/
Colombo/P. Said/Haifa/
Genoa/Marseilles/
Antwerp/Rotterdam/
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Atlantic Coast	Mid. Jan.	m.v. "TONGHAI"
Los Angeles	Late Jan.	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"

ARRIVALS

From	Date	Vessel
Pacific Coast	1st Jan.	m.v. "MANGALORE"
Atlantic Coast	Early Jan.	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
Los Angeles	Late Jan.	m.v. "DONA AURORA"

SAILINGS

For	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast	Early Jan.	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
Los Angeles	Late Jan.	m.v. "DONA AURORA"

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In Scandinavia**

London, Dec. 22.

The drachma of Greece, the zloty of Poland, the franc, the pound sterling and nearly all the other currencies of Europe are only shadows of their former selves today in the market where it takes a lot more money than most people have to buy the things they need.

Inflationary pressures are pinching almost all of the continent.

**Deadlock In
Anglo-Slav
Trade Talks**

LONDON, DEC. 21.

AFTER AN ELEVENTH-HOUR MEETING BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND YUGOSLAV TRADE DELEGATIONS, WHICH LASTED UNTIL 4 A.M. TODAY, THE BOARD OF TRADE ANNOUNCED THAT NO AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED, BUT THAT NEW PROPOSALS HAD BEEN SENT TO THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT.

When the meeting ended, the delegates remained in the Board of Trade building and snatched a few hours of sleep on couches and chairs as it was too late for them to get home.

A Board of Trade statement said that the Trade Minister, Mr. Harold Wilson, "submitted a revised form of agreement on the major points of the difficulty. The Yugoslav representatives said that this proposal presented a new basis for agreement and that they would like to consider it and to consult their Government."

Mr. Wilson arranged for a late night conference in an all-out effort to reach an agreement in the negotiations which have been going on since the middle of August.

Britain wants wheat, maize and barley, while the Yugoslav mission is seeking engineering and heavy industrial plant—Reuter.

**H.K. Stock
Exchange**A dull market with quotations easy.
H.K. Govt. Loans: 4% Loan 108 1/2;
5% Loan 109 1/2;
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(Lon. Reg.) 211 1/2; Chartered Bank
211 1/2; Mercantile Bk. A. B. 211 1/2;
Bank of East Asia 116;
Insurance: Canton Ins. 38 1/2; Union
Ins. 102 1/2; China Underwriters 6 1/2;
H.K. Fire Ins. 26 1/2;
Shipping: Douglas 260 1/2; H.K. & M.
Steamboats 14 1/2; Indo China (Pref)
100 (H.K.) 30 1/2; Shells (H.K.)
X. R. 73 1/2; U. Waterboats (Old)
10 1/2; (New) 15;
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, Etc.: H.K.
& K. Wharves (C. R.) 210 1/2; (X. R.)
150 1/2; H.K. 5 1/2; H.K. 4 1/2;
3 1/2; 3 1/2; China Provident 2 1/2; Shai
Docks 10 1/2;
Mining: Raub Mines 5 1/2; 5 1/2;
H.K. Mines 52 1/2;
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.: H. & S. Hotels
22 1/2; 23 1/2; H.K. Lands (Old)
7 1/2; 7 1/2; (New) 7 1/2; Shai Lands
5 1/2; Hongkong Estates 28 1/2;
Real Estate: Chinese Estate 18 1/2;
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22 1/2; Peak Tram (Old) 18 1/2;
(New) 21; Star Ferries 13 1/2; Yau Ma
Tei Ferry 2 1/2; G. Light (Old) 1 1/2;
19 1/2; X. R. 5 1/2; (New) X. R. 4 1/2;
H.K. Electric (Old) 5 1/2; 5 1/2; (New)
(8 1/2); Macao Electric 2 1/2; Sankuan
Lights 10; Telephones (Old) 4 1/2;
(New) 4 1/2;
Industries: Cold. Mfg. (Old) 18 1/2;
(Pref) 5 1/2; Canton Ice Int. Cement
(Old) 31 1/2; (New) 31 1/2; H.K. Rope
20 1/2;
Rubber Acc: Dairy Farms X. R. 5;
5 1/2; 5 1/2; Watsons 5 1/2; 5 1/2;
Lane, Crawford 5 1/2; Sincere 5 1/2;
China Emporium 13 1/2; Sun Co. Ltd.
5 1/2; Kwong Sang Hong 20 1/2; Wing On
(H.K.) 14 1/2; Wm. Teckill Ltd. 14 1/2;
Miscellaneous: China Entertainment
37 1/2; H.K. Constructions (Old) 6 1/2;
(New) 5 1/2; Vibro Piling 6 1/2; Marman
Investments 17 1/2; Marman, (H.K.)
1 1/2;
Cottons: Ewo 13 1/2, 14.**FUNDS UNFROZEN**
Buenos Aires, Dec. 21.
The Central Bank has announced that Dutch and Czech funds in Argentina have been unfrozen according to stipulations in the recently signed agreements with Holland and Czechoslovakia.
The announcement stated that unfrozen Dutch funds included the Dutch East Indies—United Press.**PRISON WARDER
FILLED STOCKING
TOO SOON**
But for the vigilance of Principal Officer L.T. Metavish of Stanley Prison, Chinese Warder Shu Nam would have got away with four packets of contraband, including his trousers, last Saturday morning.
Convicted by Mr. F.X. d'Almeida at Central Magistrate's yesterday on a charge of conveying contraband into Stanley Prison, the 26-year-old prison warder, who has six previous reports against him during his service, was fined \$250 or three months' imprisonment.
Defendant was seen being familiar with the prisoners in "B" Block, Stanley Prison, by the Principal Officer, who ordered him to his office, where a search revealed the cigarettes in each sock under his trousers.**NETHERLANDS
TRADING SOCIETY
DIVIDEND**

The Netherlands Trading Society was informed yesterday by its Amsterdam Head Office that a proposal will be submitted to a General Meeting of Shareholders next month for declaration of a dividend for 1946 of four percent.

Furthermore, every holder of 5 shares will receive 1 bonus share so that the capital of the Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappij, N.V. will be increased to 48 million Netherlands guilders.

**WAR MEMORIAL
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Mr. G.S. Aechbuit \$1,500. In Memory of Dick Rathmell from Radio Corporation of America (RCA) \$100. Mr. R.D. Gillespie—2nd donation \$500. In Memory of Mrs. Ma Lung Shu (Mother of Dr. Ma Shi) from Mr. Kwok Hin Wang—2nd donation \$500. Mr. J. Havelaar (2nd) \$125. Mr. Shiro (China) Ltd. \$100. Contributions from some members of the K.C.C. \$10,410. Mr. J. Williams \$100. Mr. W.A. Buss \$100. Mr. J. J. Yee \$100. Mr. P.C. Mow Fung \$100. Mr. W.H. Kwok \$100. Total \$14,021.40.

SHIP PURCHASE
Ottawa, Dec. 22.
A Canadian shipping company has purchased for \$1,000,000 a fleet of 53 vessels now operating on lease to the British Government.
The ships will continue under charter to Britain until 1950.—Reuter.**LINER HELD UP**
Southampton, Dec. 22.
The departure of the 7,000-ton Argentine liner Cordoba with more than 400 passengers on board for Spain, Portugal, Brazil and Argentina was delayed here today because of a faulty boiler casing.
It was improbable that the vessel would sail before Monday, the ship's Southampton agent said today.—Reuter.**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES
HOLDING
P. & O. B. I. & E. & A.
BILLS OF LADING**
Messrs. Goddard & Douglas will attend at 10 a.m. on Monday and Thursday within the free storage period to survey damaged cargo, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present. Unless consignees representatives are present at the Survey no claims can thereafter be admitted.**MACKINNON, MACKENZIE
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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on the 22/23 Dec. at 10 a.m.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods.

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Telephone 34177-9.****Notice To Consignees****S.S. "HANGSANG"****FROM STRAITS & CALCUTTA
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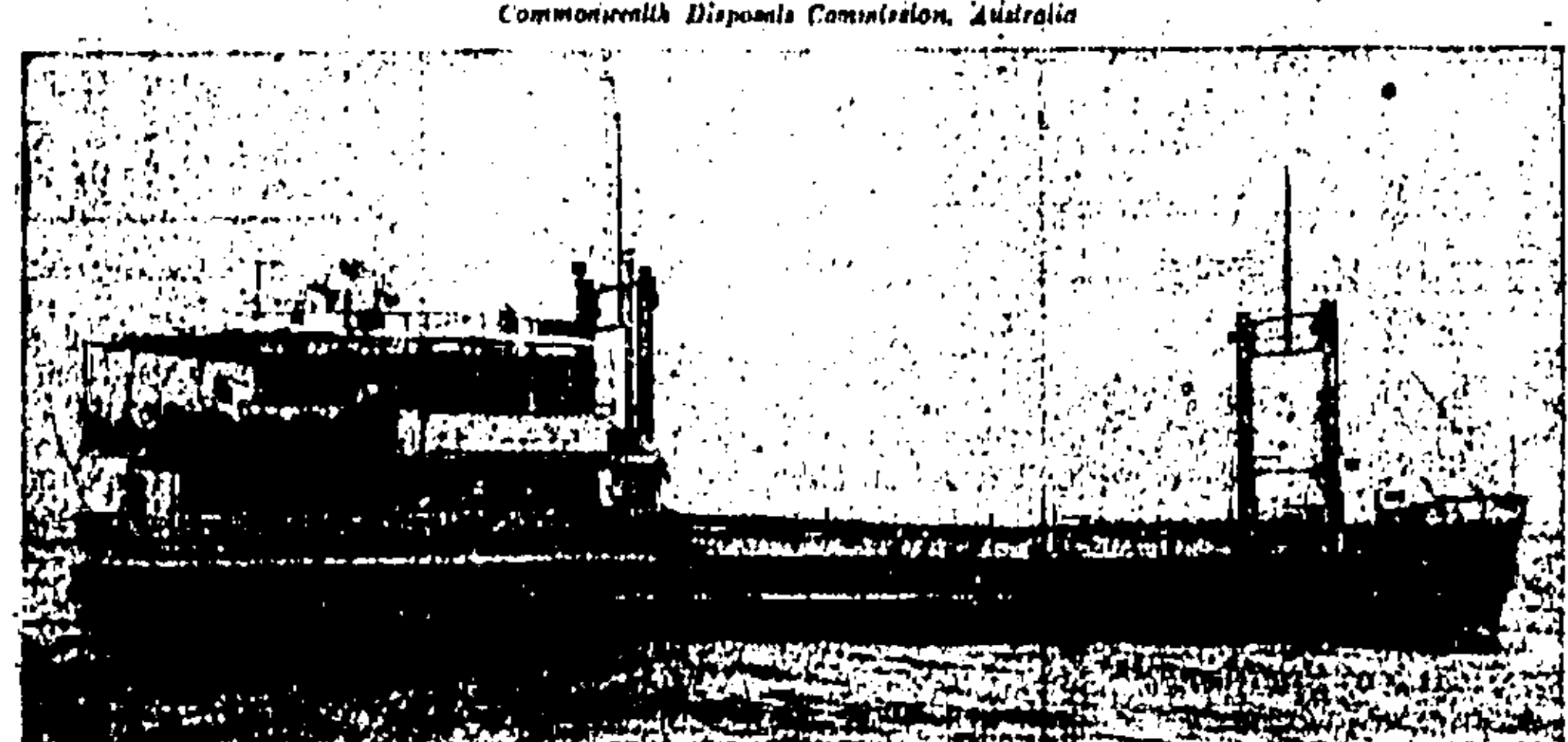
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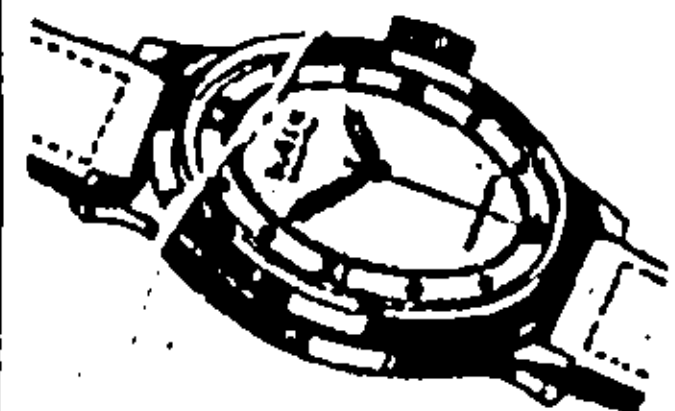
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INDIA BEATS COUNTRY TEAM IN N.S.W.

Shai Hotel Rates Rise 100 Per Cent

Shanghai, Dec. 22. All hotel rates in Shanghai were raised 100 per cent from yesterday with the approval of the Social Affairs Bureau.

The move was allegedly made necessary in view of the rapid increase in commodity prices in recent weeks.

Employees of the various hotels, however, expressed disapproval of the increase on the grounds that the big increase would naturally drive customers away and eventually reduce their revenue from commissions.

—Reuter.

Inter-port Football Fixtures

At a meeting of the Inter-port Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association yesterday afternoon, it was decided to send an inter-port team to Manila, and to entertain a team from Shanghai, during the Chinese New Year holidays.

Mr. J. Skinner was in the chair. It was also decided not to send any team to Saigon but to entertain Saigon in Hong Kong during the Easter holidays.

South China Athletic Association, who had decided to send a team to play in Manila, were requested in view of the decision to send an inter-port team during the Chinese New Year holidays to defer sending their team to Manila till the end of the season.

London, Dec. 21. The Brewers' Association announced that reduction of sugar allocations would mean a curtailment in beer output equivalent to nine pints out of every 144 pint barrel.

—Associated Press.

Bathurst, (N.S.W.), Dec. 22. The Indian cricketers won their match against the Western Districts here today by 104 runs, declaring their second innings closed at 205 and then dismissing the Districts for 144.

The Western Districts team carried their overnight score of 78 for seven wickets to 100 all out, giving the Indians a first innings lead of 43 runs.

The eighth wicket fell with-out an addition to the score and only four runs were added before the ninth fell. Then the last pair hit a brisk 18 to carry the total to 100.

Phadkar took two of today's wickets and Mankad the other, those two bowling unchanged today.

Mankad and Sarwate put on 99 runs in 90 minutes when India batted a second time, this being the biggest first wicket partnership of the tour.

Hazare declared at the ten interval, which left the Districts team to make 249 in two hours if they were to win.

Never able to score freely against the accuracy of Phadkar, Hazare and Mankad, the Districts team gave up the struggle for runs and began an exciting bid to save the game.

Their batsmen mislaid the spinners, however, and eight wickets were down when Mankad began the last over.

A draw seemed imminent, but Mankad took those two remaining wickets with successive balls and India had won, on time, by 104. Nayudu also helped in puzzling the local batsmen with his spin.

SCORES
INDIANS—FIRST INNINGS 143

WESTERN DISTRICTS—FIRST INNINGS	
C. Price, c. Nayudu, b. Sarwate	22
E. Hawken, c. Phadkar, b. Mankad	15
C. Kearney, l.b.w. b. Sarwate	6
R. Sitch, c. Mankad, b. Amir Elahi	12
R. Heywood, b. Mankad	1
F. Martin, b. Mankad	9
F. Smith, c. Rai Singh, b. Mankad	27
R. Wotton, l.b.w. b. Amir Elahi	0
D. Lester, c. Mankad, b. Phadkar	0
L. Logue, b. Phadkar	1
J. Jones, not out	10
Extras	1
Total	100

BOWLING	
	O M R W
Phadkar	7 0 27 2
Mankad	13.4 5 21 4
Sohoni	5 0 12 0
Hazare	3 1 10 0
Sarwate	3 0 17 2
Amir Elahi	3 0 12 2

INDIANS—SECOND INNINGS	
Mankad, l.b.w. b. Martin	41
Sarwate, b. Jones	65
Ranvir Singh, c. Lester, b. Jones	4
Amir Elahi, c. Sitch, b. Martin	1
Hazare, not out	42
Phadkar, c. Jones, b. Sitch	31
Rai Singh, b. Sitch	5
Sohoni, not out	4
Extras	7
Total for six	205

BOWLING	
	O M R W
Jones	9 0 38 2
Lester	9 0 35 0
Logue	7 0 60 0
Kearney	2 0 8 0
Price	3 0 16 0
Martin	6 0 28 2
Sitch	3 0 12 2

WESTERN DISTRICTS—2nd INNINGS	
C. Price, l.b.w. b. Mankad	28
C. Hawken, c. Sohoni, b. Amir Elahi	24
C. Kearney, c. Hazare, b. Nayudu	34
R. Sitch, c. Hai Sing, b. Mankad	9
F. Martin, c. Hazare, b. Mayudu	15
R. Heywood, stumped Sen b. Mankad	10
T.R. Cotton, c. Amir Elahi, b. Nayudu	14
D. Lester, l.b.w. b. Mankad	1
L. Logue, c. Rai Singh, b. Mankad	3
F. Jones, b. Mankad	3
F. Smith, not out	4
Extras	4
Total	144

SHEFFIELD SHIELD

Melbourne, Dec. 22. Victoria carried their first innings to 412 before dismissing five Queensland batsmen for 144 when the Sheffield Shield match was continued here today.

Weather conditions were fine after a wet weekend which had caused Saturday's play to be washed out. Victoria having scored 314 for seven on Friday, the first day of the match.

Doug Ring, 71, R. Harvey 48 and H. Lambert not out 41 were the chief contributors today though Ring scored most of his runs on Friday.

He was out leg-before to Colin McCool but had his revenge when Queensland batted by getting McCool dismissed in the same way before he had scored.

Queensland lost the wickets of Bill Brown, W. Morris, Ken Archer and McCool before tea for 47, but the wicket-keeper Don Tallon 37 and Aubrey Carrigan not out 50 stopped the rot.

Brown was never confident during a stay of 73 minutes for 19 runs. The best bowling performances to date were McGinn, two for 74, and Johnson 2 for 101 against Victoria, and Lambert two for 19 and Ring two for 40 to date against Queensland.

—Reuter.

SCOTLAND VERSUS CHINESE

The following team has been selected to play for Scotland in the match to be played against Chinese at Caroline Hill on Christmas Day:

Leech (Club), Blackburn (Police), Souvar (RAF), MacDougall (Innis), Gordon (Police), Anderson (RAF), Muller (Club), CAPTAIN Howlett (Police), Cunningham (Buffs) and Akens (REME).

Reserves: McDougall (St. Joseph), Ritchie (Club), Connors (Navy), and Russell (11th RA).

U.S. TENNIS

New York, Dec. 20. The United States Lawn Tennis Association has received four challenges to date for the 1948 Davis Cup competition.

The latest is from Poland, who have again elected to play in the European zone.

The other challenges received earlier are from England, Mexico and Argentina.

Countries have until Jan. 31 to file challenges, and American officials expect about 20 from Europe and five from other zones.

—Reuter.

A Crowd Looked On



Large crowds gathered at the scene of yesterday's fatal accident when a motor crash brought several verandahs tumbling down.

This "China Mail" photograph shows just a few of the few thousands who gathered within minutes of the accident.

Also show are firemen at work searching the debris for victims.

Three people were dragged from the ruins and another is missing.

For story—See Page 1

FANLING GOLF:

Captain's Cup Quarter-Finals

Another marvellous week-end at the Golf Club at Fanling—chill mornings but by mid-morning it was warm and in the afternoon sun positively hot!

Rice Smuggled From Macao To Singapore

Singapore, Dec. 22. Rice smugglers who have taken rice from Canton to Macao and then trans-ship it to Singapore and Malacca have brought more than 6,000 bags of Chinese rice here in recent days, according to Chinese merchants.

The smugglers made profits of \$100,000 Straits, these trade sources said.

—Associated Press.

St. George Society

The President of The Royal Society of St. George, Lord Queensborough, has sent the following message to Members of the Hong Kong Society:

"I pray that you and all members of the Branch may enjoy a peaceful and happy Christmas and find health and good fortune falls to your lot in the coming New Year.

My own wish for England is that she may in 1948 triumph by her own efforts over all those difficulties arising from the war which have so sorely beset us in 1947. My faith in the English people never wavers. There is the will in the country and the grit in our national character will see us through despite the frustrations we have suffered this year. We all take comfort from the constant good will which radiates from our friendly kinsmen in the Dominions and Empire and it is my constant joy to have these manifestations from our members overseas.

"Cordial greetings to you all from the Central Council and myself."

Twelve Clubs Enter Badminton League

Twelve clubs have entered teams in the Hong Kong Badminton League.

The clubs have entered five teams in the "A" Division, 11 in the "B" Division, five in the Mixed Doubles Division, and two in the Ladies' Doubles Division.

Following are the clubs which yesterday registered their teams for the league:

MEN'S DOUBLES "A" DIVISION
St. Teresa's Club, Sing Tao Sports Club, H.K. University Club, Club de Recreation, Kowloon Cricket Club, H.K. University Club, Club de Recreation, Kowloon Cricket Club, Kowloon Tong Club.

MIXED DOUBLES
Sing Tao Sports Club, Victoria Recreation Club, H.K. University Club (two teams), Club de Recreation, Ladies' Doubles.

LADIES' DOUBLES
H.K. University Club, Club de Recreation, Kowloon Cricket Club, St. Teresa's Club, St. Mary's Club, Recreation.

CANUCKETTES ALL WORE HITTING SUITS

(By "Grandstand")
The Canuckettes put on their hitting suits last Sunday and unleashed a 13-h't barrage to inflict a 21-12 humiliation on the Madcap Bees in the cellar championship of the ladies circuit. Homers by Alice Mar and Ullie Khoo, both with the base-paths populated, paved the way for the Maple Leaf victory which enabled them to climb out of the cellar where they have been dwelling since their initial appearance.

The Bees played listless ball and were charged with a total of 17 bingles, of which shortstop Hermie Remedios was responsible for seven to set a record in recent years for bingles. As far as your scribe can remember, the only time this mark was topped was in the pre-war days when a player from Las Florinas committed 13 miscues in a single game.

Alice Mar on the slab for the Canuckettes varied from her usual pitching motion and fanned five while Bee hurlers Sheila Silva and Audrey Brooks couldn't even whiff a single one.

Longest clouts of the day were round-trippers by Ullie Khoo, Alice Mar and Cynthia Luz while Yollie Franco was good for a triple.

For record the box-scores are as follows:

CANADIANS		AB	R	H	PO	A	E
J. Lee	3	4	2	2	0	3	0
Alice Mar	3	4	3	4	1	1	0
Ullie Khoo	3	4	2	7	2	2	0
Elia Chinn	1b	2b	7	2	1	7	2
Mary Ng	3b	3b	4	1	1	1	0
Marie Dunn	2b	2b	2	1	1	1	1
Mary Dunn	lf	0	2	1	0	0	0
Maude Wong	cf	0	2	2	0	0	0
		49	21	18	21	10	9
Runs	21	2	0	3	1	2	0
Hits	2	0	1	0	1	2	19

London, Dec. 22. For the first time, I.A.C. patrols will not be on patrol on Boxing Day this year.

Ortiz May Meet Hawaii Champion

Manila, Dec. 22. Promoter Jes Cortes today was arranging a 15-round championship bout between the bantamweight king, Manuel Ortiz, and David Kui Kong Young, of Honolulu, a ranking challenger.

Two RASC Men Fined For Ferry Disturbance

Walter Clifford Bunch and Maxwell Kelly Robertson, both of the RASC, were in a "happy mood" on Saturday night.

They went to the Star Ferry Wharf in Hong Kong about 10.30 p.m. to cross over to Kowloon.

In the first-class waiting-room, they bumped against Ng Hung-hay, a Chinese, who protested.

A quarrel ensued, and the two Army men began to use abusive language.

This was overheard by Ferry Inspector Rothwell who decided to lay a complaint against the servicemen when the boat arrived at Kowloon.

Yesterday, Bunch and Robertson appeared before Mr. W.H. Latimer on the charges of assaulting Ng Hung-hay and using abusive language on the Star Ferry Co.'s premises.

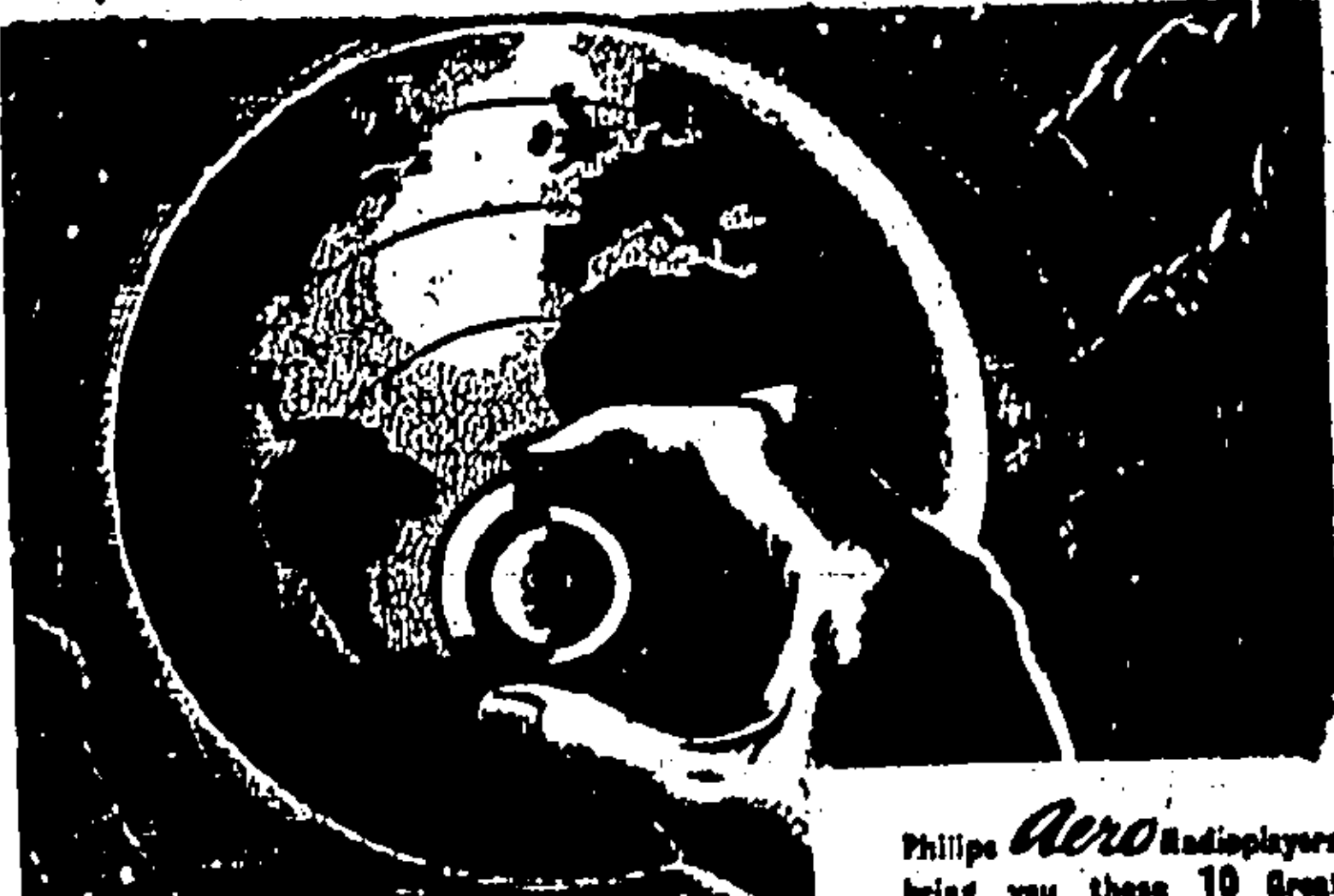
The Magistrate amended the first charge to one of disorderly conduct, and imposed a fine of \$25 on each of the accused.

On leaving the Court, the complainant shook hands with the defendants.

KCC DANCE

In connection with the KCC's annual New Year's Eve dance, the committee find that there will be accommodation for members and friends. It is requested that applications for reservations be made as soon as possible.

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